



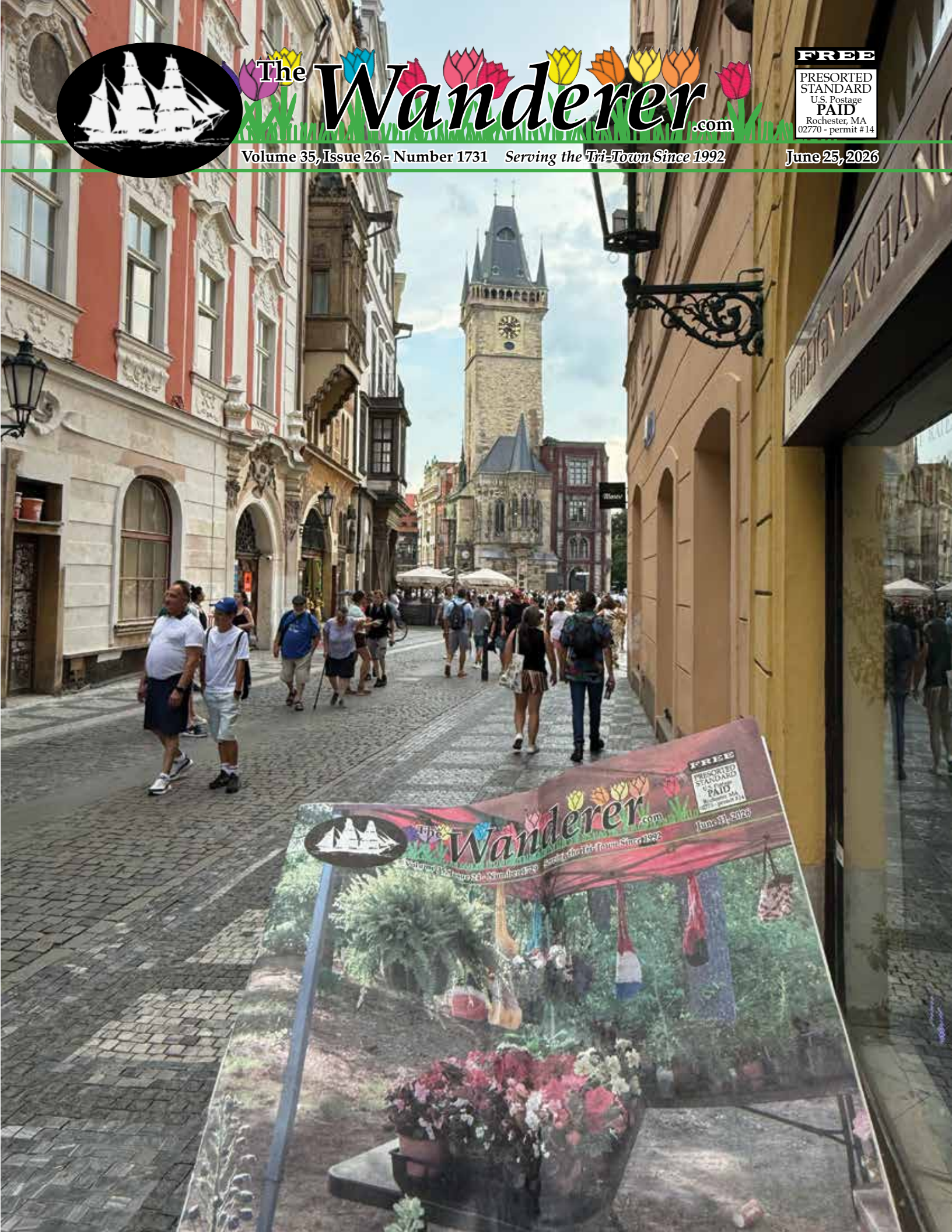
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Mattapoisett Resident Hosts Pride Month Presentation

By Zakary Sarkarati

On Tuesday, June 16, Chuck McIntyre hosted his first ever "Raising Rainbow Awareness" presentation at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library's community room. The presentation, which was held in observance of Pride Month, discussed gender and sexual identity, along with LGBTQ+ history and positive community engagement.

McIntyre, a life-long Mattapoisett resident, said he was motivated to host the presentation after noticing a lack of LGBTQ+ events in Mattapoisett, and so that residents could be more educated on the LGBTQ+ community. He added that he hopes Mattapoisett will hold larger-scale LGBTQ+ events in the future such as celebrations or memorials for victims of hate crimes.

McIntyre said his goal was to inspire attendees to learn more and to engage with LGBTQ+ events, so they can better understand those in the LGBTQ+ community. He said that he hopes the presentation was able to, "challenge their own views [and] to expand their horizons in case they have someone come out to them."

The presentation was recorded by Alyssa Perry, Old Rochester Community TV's (ORCTV) government coordinator, and can currently be viewed on ORCTV's Vimeo page at vimeo.com/orctvcommunity.

Thoughts on...

The Mystery of the Missing Swordfish

By Dick Morgado

It was a dark and stormy night. The winds were whipping, and the lightning was flashing like a neon sign over a cheap hotel. The weathervane at the end of the dock was spinning like a rabid raccoon. By morning the storm had passed. The churning ocean had become

On the Cover: The Wanderer's June 11 Edition in the Old Town Square in Prague, Czechia. The tower is part of the Old Town Hall and was built in 1364. It has survived much upheaval, war, and occupation, and stands as a testament to the Czech people, who have brought back color to the city once hailed as "Paris of the East." I was not able to actually read this edition outdoors in the square, as the European heatwave bested me.
Photo by Sam Bishop

calm as a mill pond. The iconic swordfish weathervane had vanished, disappeared, missing from its perch overlooking our picturesque harbor. Gone and nobody knew where.

No. No. No! A good mystery starts that way but not this one. No storm surrendered our famous fish to Mother Nature. It had presided high above Long Wharf for over one hundred years, but where has it been the past two years? Two summers missing. A fixture of my youth now disappointing residents and visitors alike. Nobody seems to know when it will again rise majestically above anglers of all ages.

To answer the many questions I have received recently (Why people think I know everything about our historic village is beyond me, but I digress.) I have decided this is a job for a real detective. Lacking one, this intrepid investigative reporter will have to suffice. I will don my dusty deerstalker hat and polish my ivory handled spyglass to get to the bottom of this mystery.

First, was it stolen? Who would steal it and why? Was it a high school prank? Did nimble seniors shimmy

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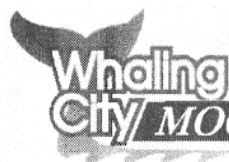
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up the pole and abscond with the eleven-foot-long sea creature? Maybe it was our former selectperson, the famous captain star of the TV series Harpoon Hunters on the Discovery Channel. Was he using it for target practice? Not likely, as he is busy running for higher office and the theft would have been two years ago. Not him.

Or was it our harbor master himself? After all, he oversees the cameras that scan the wharf. He could have easily turned them off in the dark of night and whisked the fish away for reasons unknown. After carefully combing the scene of the alleged crime for evidence, none of these scenarios fit a heist.

Okay, off to the official source for all things townish, the local social media page. Sure enough,



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one contributor said they knew someone who knew someone who talked to the harbor master who said a new swordfish facsimile was being created and wouldn't be finished for two more years!

Next stop town hall. Surely someone there would know where the big fish is. (Hey, this landmark needs a name like Salty the Seahorse. I can't keep calling it "the fish".) My confidential source did reveal that the Selectboard had appropriated a sum of cash to build a new weathervane... back in 2024!

On a hunch I talked to the curator of our museum, the place for all things historical, who coincidentally is about to stage a major summer exhibit about the history of our iconic swordfish weathervane opening on July 9th. Bingo! The original swordfish will be the centerpiece of the exhibit, and the new one currently resides in a shop at a local boatyard where a meticulous craftsman has been recreating the fish in modern materials, able to withstand any dark and stormy night. It is rumored that it may be returned to its rightful place above Long Wharf by mid-August.

There you go. Mystery solved. Another notch in the belt of this super sleuth, gumshoe, investigative reporter and columnist. You're welcome.

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

The Annual Cardboard Boat Race

By Sam Bishop

Batten down the hatches! On Thursday, June 18, 7th graders from Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, and those apart of the Supplemental Courses Offering Personal Enrichment program, or S.C.O.P.E., took part in a voyage not often seen on the Seven Seas; the

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sailing of cardboard boats.

The week-long enrichment program, described as an alternative to the ORR Survival program, sees students collaborate on hands-on projects that push their creative minds to develop new ideas. The cardboard boat race is one such endeavor, and Kathy Gauvin, Health Teacher at ORRJHS, told us the race has gone on for the last 16 years.

Students work together to design and construct a small boat using cardboard and duct tape that they then race at the Mattapoisett YMCA. They are not powered by some electric engine, but by the students themselves who are also sitting in and paddling the boats!

It challenges students to solve complex problems, work together, and think outside the (cardboard) box.

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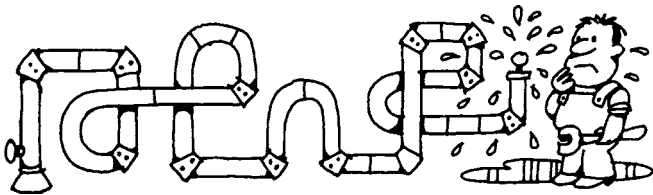


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Overall, it was a great way to share some laughs while learning to solve problems. "We hope S.C.O.P.E. becomes one of the memories our students look back on fondly from their time at ORR" Gauvin said.

Pearls of Newport

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

F. Scott Fitzgerald didn't elaborate much about the gardens that presumably surrounded Gatsby's mansion. We can only guess they must have been fabulous. The Newport Flower Show could certainly give one grand ideas.

Held last weekend at Rosecliff, the 30th Annual Newport Flower Show celebrated its milestone anniversary with the theme "Pearls of Newport." The concept highlighted the rare beauty and hidden treasures of the City-by-the-Sea, drawing together floral design, horticulture, botanical arts, and Newport's rich maritime heritage.

Wandering among the outdoor garden installations and imaginative displays inside Rosecliff, with sweeping views of Sheep Point Cove beyond, was a delightful way to spend a summer day and a reminder to reserve a place on next year's calendar.

One of the most striking exhibits greeted visitors in Rosecliff's grand ballroom: a magnificent floral sailboat created through a collaboration between Sparkman & Stephens and the Herreshoff Marine Museum. The dramatic centerpiece celebrated Newport's enduring connection to the sea and served as a fitting focal point for the show's anniversary theme. It feels right that the show's opening coincided with the Newport to Bermuda race, a 636-mile sailing competition established in 1906.

True to form, the show offered fresh interpretations of floral elements. One such was a jaw-dropping centerpiece running the length of a banquet size dining table and studded with sculptures of exotic birds and place settings of a China pattern inspired by the Mildred R. Mottahedeh Collection featuring vibrant botanical artwork and butterflies.

In an anteroom adorned with full length portraits of former ladies of Rosecliff looking down at the proceedings, a display of delicate, bejeweled (actually dried plant material) dress costumes and botanical stomacher panels were displayed along with quahog pearl jewelry.

Horticultural displays of cut flowers and creative containers along with a judged amateur photo competition - a mainstay to flower shows-- led the way to the outdoor displays as well as the marketplace where vendors ranged from footwear to hats and a bountiful assortment of plants and other horticultural products. I had an interesting conversation with a shepherdess (yes, a female shepherd) who told me how she began with three sheep and now has over 300 at her Middleburg Virginia Gum Tree Farm, turning fleeces into garments and wool

pieces for the home.

As visitors wound their way along the many creative displays outdoors - among them a series of botanically accented door fronts, a blue and white themed garden by Roger Williams Park Botanical Center drew lots of attention. Guests balanced their champagne flutes as they examined the lovely features of this central display. Their award-winning exhibit, "Lunaria: A Garden After Dark," earned the Garden Club of America's Bulkley Medal. Featuring white blossoms and fragrant evening plants, the exhibit highlighted the importance of nighttime pollinators while demonstrating how gardens can enchant the senses after sunset. The result was a vision of the garden as both sanctuary and fantasy - a place where artistry and nature meet.

It is important to note that the show also serves



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a larger purpose. All proceeds benefit The Preservation Society of Newport County and support the restoration and stewardship of 88 acres of historic gardens and landscapes, including the grounds of Rosecliff and other landmark properties representing more than 250 years of American architectural history.

The Newport Flower Show is a wonderful reminder that gardens are never truly finished - they are always evolving, shaped by experimentation, shifting tastes, and fresh ideas. Two friends who joined me on the visit reflected that some of the greatest gardening triumphs often begin with the courage to try something new, even when there's a chance it won't work out.

It's also a lovely reminder that you don't have to go far to "get out of dodge." Newport may be only 45 minutes away, but it feels worlds apart. For a few hours, visitors can step into a landscape where history, horticulture, and imagination are beautifully strung together - like pearls on a necklace.

"There was music from my neighbor's house through the summer nights. In his blue gardens men and girls came and went like moths among the whisperings and the champagne and the stars." - The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald.

The Pendulum Begins To Rock Back

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in the Thirteen Colonies. Last week, the independent State of Delaware was established just a few days before the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was established nearby. The Continental Congress passed the Tory Resolution, which sought to protect British-sympathizers from retribution, likely in an attempt to garner their favor. Work on a unified declaration of independence is ongoing in Philadelphia, as it is written by Thomas Jefferson and edited by the other members of the Committee of Five. All the while, the British armada under General William Howe approach their next target.

On June 21, 1776, the Secret Committee, a not-publicly-known group of members of the New



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York Provisional Congress, write to General George Washington with urgent news. They accuse David Matthews, Mayor of New York and staunch loyalist, of "dangerous designs and treasonable conspiracies against the rights and liberties of the united colonies of America." They recommend the mayor be immediately "apprehended and secured." Washington forwards this warrant for arrest to his confidant Brigadier General Nathaniel Greene, instructing Greene to initiate the planned arrest "exactly by one o'clock the ensuing morning." At the same time, the Secret Committee also incriminates the Mayor's brother James, though in the panic, calls on the arrest of an innocent Fletcher Matthews, which they later retract.

To the south in Philadelphia, on June 22, President of the Continental Congress John Hancock issues a long-awaited review of the military campaign in Canada. To Washington, he writes, "The Congress having the greatest reason to believe there has been very gross misconduct in the management of our affairs in Canada." He seeks punishment and the discipline of some officers involved and tasked the general with carrying out these measures. A few days later, Congress would begin its own investigation into the war in the north which would be ongoing until autumn.

That same day, the Secret Committee helmed by John Jay is in a frenzy over a suspected plot involving Washington's own personal guards known as "Life

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Guards." The committee call for the arrest of various suspected collaborators in an effort to unearth the Loyalist conspiracy.

Washington responds to the Canada reports the next day, saying, "In Canada the situation of our affairs is truly alarming." American Brigadier General William Thompson has been captured following a defeat at Trois-Rivières. He goes on to say, "It is greatly to be feared that the next advices from Canada will be, that our shattered, divided and broken army, as you will see by the return, have been obliged to abandon the country and retreat."

On June 25, a Massachusetts congressional representative uses what is possibly the first instance of a representative using an important national name. In writing to General Horatio Gates, Congressman Elbridge Gerry of Marblehead referred to the colonies as the "United States of America."

On June 26, one of Washington's Life Guards, Thomas Hickey was found guilty of the plot unearthed by the Secret Committee to capture and assassinate Washington. In the days that followed, Hickey was publicly hanged in New York City in front of thousands of onlookers.

On June 27, General William Howe, the British armada, and 10,000 troops are only a couple days away from New York.



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The Official Count

Rochester Election Recount

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Election recount was held on Wednesday, June 17. The results of the recount are as follows: for two seats on the Rochester Memorial School Committee, incumbent member Katherine Duggan, whose original total on election day, May 27, was 624, gaining an additional vote to win by 625 votes after the recount. For the second spot, Isabel Gomes-McCann won with 544. Barbara Lee, a member of the Rochester Memorial School Council who was tied with Gomes-McCann on election day, lost one vote with a final tally of 543 votes.

"This is now the official count," said Town Clerk Marjorie Barrows on Wednesday.

Another "No" To Old Colony

Rochester Special Town Election

By Michael J. DeCicco

It looks like Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester, the five members of the Old Colony Vocational Education District, will not support the district's \$289 million building project.

In a ballot question election on June 20, Rochester went thumbs down on the construction plan with 831 votes "no" and 579 "yes" votes. Plus, town voters decided against paying Rochester's share of the project costs with

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a Prop 2 1/2 debt exclusion. This partial override bid lost with 833 no and 580 yes. A total of 1413 residents went to the polls, or roughly 29% of the town's total of registered voters.

Anticipating that the other member town would join Rochester in the negative column, Rochester representative on the Old Colony building committee, David Hughes, said, "We gave it our best shot. It's a little disappointing it didn't pass. I guess we'll have to renovate the old building. We'll still have to find the money."

The project would have built a larger, more modern building that would replace the serious infrastructure deficiencies of the current facility at 476



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North Avenue in Rochester. Under calculations presented to member towns last year, the state School Building Authority's reimbursement for the new school's price tag is projected to be \$129M. The remaining total cost that the school district members would share was estimated at approximately \$159M. Rochester's share of that price tag would have been \$28.4 million. But both the \$289 million request to fund the building project and a proposal to pay for Rochester's \$24 million share of that cost with a debt exclusion resulted in a resounding "no" vote in the November 2025 Election, leading to Old Colony's move to revote the question on June 20.

The towns of Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, and Mattapoisett also voted on the new Old Colony build the same day, yielding a majority "no" vote across the five towns. Superintendent-Director of Old Colony Aaron L. Polansky offered this public statement following the vote:

"Today our ask for support of a new building was voted down. We respect the decision made by the voters of Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett and Rochester and appreciate everyone who participated in today's vote.

Following last fall's vote, the School Committee determined that it was important to provide residents with another opportunity to consider the project and the District's long-term needs. Over the past several months, community members have had the opportunity to review updated information, attend meetings, ask questions and make their voices heard.

Today, the voters have spoken, and we respect that decision.

While the outcome is not what the District had hoped for, the challenges facing the current facility have not changed. Old Colony's building remains more than 50 years old, and significant investments will still be

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Our responsibility now is to carefully evaluate the options available to the District and determine the best path forward for our students, staff, taxpayers and member communities.

We remain proud of the educational opportunities that Old Colony provides and grateful to everyone who participated in this process. Regardless of today's outcome, our commitment to serving students across the District remains unchanged.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our effort. We are grateful for your support and willingness continue working on behalf of the best interests of our Old Colony Community."

Wide Ranging Topics Discussed

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

The Mattapoisett Select Board meeting on Tuesday found the board handling a number of disparate topics from possible dangerous dogs to the issuance of different types of permits.

Regarding the dangerous dog hearing, the board heard from a number of witnesses and heard letters of support for a dog accused of being dangerous while unleashed in Washburn Park in Marion. As testimony in the matter went forward it became apparent that the dog in question was in fact a victim of unfounded accusations. The dog in question lives in Mattapoisett so the request for a hearing was requested in Mattapoisett.

After considerable testimony that included reports by Mattapoisett Animal Control Officer Luke Mello, it was determined that the allegations were unfounded and thus were dismissed. The dog, named Theo, is owned by the Ambburzzetti family of Mattapoisett.

The offending dog was identified as Moon Face.

In other matters, the board agreed to begin discussions related to a housing trust and associated matters in an effort to address inclusive housing needs (aka affordable housing) in the community. This topic and



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several others will begin the board's goals and initiatives planning to move forward.

A common virtual permit was granted to Sweet Art Boutique located at 81 County Road.

Also approved was a permit for the placement of a recreational trailer by Gregory and Patricia Bartlett at Parcel 54A-299.0.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for July 14.

Weighing Next Steps After Old Colony Vote

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

A variety of board appointments and one

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important follow-up to the vote to fund a new Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School facility dominated the Rochester Select Board meeting on Monday.

In a ballot question election on June 20, Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester, the five members of the Old Colony vocational education district, voted in the majority against supporting the district's \$289 million building project. Rochester went thumbs down on the construction plan with 831 votes "no" and only 579 "yes" votes.

Town Administrator Cameron Durant said it will take time for the district to develop an alternative to the plan it had hoped member towns would approve.

"Evidently, the cost being proposed was too great for the average taxpayer. But the needs are there for Old Colony," he said. "And we are willing to work with Old Colony to make the needed mechanical upgrades until the (Old Colony) school committee finds another path forward."

The project would have built a larger, more modern building that would replace the serious infrastructure deficiencies of the current facility at 476 North Avenue in Rochester. Under calculations presented to member towns last year, the state School Building Authority's reimbursement for the new school's price tag is projected to be \$129M. The remaining total cost that the school district members would share was estimated at approximately \$159M.

Durant said he won't know what that path forward will be until the Old Colony school board meets to discuss its next steps. That planning will take months to develop, he said. Necessary infrastructure upgrades will be more expensive without the MSBA funding. The repairs will have to be done slowly, piece by piece.

In other action, Durant announced the town Events Committee has planned a Town Picnic for the town common on July 4, from 12:00 pm noon to 2:00 pm. For 12:00 pm noon, attendees will be asked to bring bells to ring them in unison to commemorate the country's 250th birthday.

The board approved a new Memorandum of

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Understanding to continue using Gateway Insurance as the insurance carrier for the Old Rochester Regional School District. Durant noted the ORR School Committee has yet to review this document.

The board approved a one-day liquor license for a Rochester Democratic Town Committee event on August 8.

The board approved the following appointments: Norman Bourque as a new member of the Conservation Commission; Halma Tiffany to the Historic District Commission; Douglas Sims as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and David Diata as a zoning board associate member.

The Rochester Select Board's next meeting is

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scheduled for Monday, July 6.

Snipatuit to See Chemicals Before Harvester

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Conservation Commission began its meeting Tuesday by approving a Certificate of Compliance for the completed construction of a single-family home at 15 Cross Road that required work within the buffer zone to a cranberry bog. This vote came quickly after Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly confirmed the project was complete.

Following this approval, the hearing on the Town of Rochester's Notice of Intent to utilize a harvester to cut and remove aquatic weeds from Snipatuit Pond that had been continued for months as the commission considered alternatives led Tuesday to a discussion with Josh Burnside, a Northeast Technical Specialist of Water Diagnosis and Restoration, who advised the commission on the right path to follow regarding irradiating the water-choking weeds.

At the conclusion of his options list, Burnside advised starting with a chemical treatment, followed by mechanical and diving harvesting next. He said the harvester treatment should not be the first step because the machine will leave behind shreds of the weeds that will take root again and re-grow.

He added, however, that the best start should



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be creating a comprehensive management plan. Board member Matthew Bache asked for a cost estimate of the chemical treatment option, year one, year two, etc. Burnside answered his company manufactures the chemicals. He could not provide 'fair' application costs, he said. What should be the town's next step? Bache then asked. A comprehensive plan, Burnside concluded.

"Is there a viable plan for a water body that supports cranberry bogs and wells?" a board member then asked. Burnside promised to provide the board with a list of similar water bodies to Snipatuit and the type of chemicals that have been applied successfully in those places.

"Will the point of eradicating the weeds ever be reached?" another board member asked. Burnside said that point would arrive, but boat launches would then need to be monitored. Burnside, lastly, promised he would provide the board with management company recommendations for the town's next steps.

Next, the board issued an Order of Conditions for the Notice of Intent hearing to construct a four-bedroom single-family home with septic system on Robinson Road across from Lloyd's Market within a 100-foot wetlands buffer zone.

In other action, the commission continued two Notices of Intent hearings for High Street Solar 1 and 2 at 0 High St. to July 7.

The commission continued to July 7 a



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Request for Determination of Applicability to town wetlands regulations for renewal of the wetland's delineation within the vegetative management plan of a Massachusetts Coastal Railroad right of way in Rochester.

The commission continued to July 21 the Notice of Intent hearing on constructing a solar array on Walnut Plain Road.

The commission continued to July 7 the Notice of Intent from John and Stephanie Sullivan of 485 Neck Road to install a metal retractable deck in Snipatuit Pond and an access ramp to the dock from the bank of the pond.

The board continued to July 7 the Notice of Intent for the Buzzards Bay Coalition's ecological restoration project of former cranberry bogs at 0 Wolf Island Road after chair Christopher Gerrior requested a site visit be scheduled.

The commission approved a Notice of Intent to alter an area subject to wetlands protection regulations by cutting trees behind a garage near wetlands at 653 Walnut Plain Road.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be July 7 at 7:00 pm, at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Mock To Depart After Five-Year Tenure

Marion Finance Committee

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Finance Committee met on Thursday, June 18 in the Town House Annex and on Zoom to discuss

FinCom personnel updates, a Harbor Fees Discussion, and looking back to FY26 and ahead through FY27.

The meeting began with a discussion on the changing personnel of the committee, as Member Frederic C. Mock's term ends at the end of the month after five years on the committee. Chair Sean Healy thanked him for his long and dedicated service and stated the need to bring in a new full member, whom he recommended current Alternate Member G.R. Pitman. The other members concurred, and a unanimous vote of approval was made. The decision is sent to the Select Board who make the final approval at their next meeting.

Next, the committee moved to a discussion on the previous budget season, mainly revolving around highlights, comments, and aspects for potential improvement. The chair motioned to the importance of communication, especially regarding interdepartmental communication throughout the town. "Making sure we have what we need in terms of information, because that's incredibly important. But it's difficult," he said.

After, the committee discussed the ongoing townwide discussion on harbor fees. Healy said, "Harbor Fees, it's been a hot topic the entire budget season." They spoke on the roughly 800 moorings in Marion Harbor maintained by the town and the need to adjust the current model. Member Shay Assad recommended asking the Marine Resource Commission at their next meeting, Wednesday, June 24, to allow him to meet with them to get pertinent financial data on the waterways. Select Board Chair John Hoagland then stated education on the harbor and waterways was still crucial; especially noting the importance of town representatives being on the same page in terms of financial needs and impacts.

The next regular meeting of the Marion Finance Committee was not scheduled at adjournment.

New Home and New Addition Approved

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Sam Bishop

The Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals met on Thursday, June 18 in Town Hall and had two cases on the agenda. Of the petitions, one was for a Special Permit and

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the other for a variance.

Chair Susan Akin began the meeting with the first case, that being the petition for Special Permit filed by the Charlotte Oliveira 2007 Revocable Trust 261 Perron Ave, Somerset, MA for the property at 17 Shore View Ave. It was cited the property is about 0.35 acres, and the applicant is seeking the permit in order to build a new single-family home. The original application from March had been reworked, signaled real-estate attorney and representative Jeff Sanders who was present with the original applicant Marcus Baptiste. The new plan has reworked dimensions, though the board still grappled with the nonconformity of the property's size.

In the end, the board approved the proposal as presented four in favor, one against.

Next, Akin opened the hearing on the petition by Deborah Romanowicz of 2 Collins Way for a variance for the build of a first-floor bedroom on to the house originally built in 1985. The couple that lives on the lot cited their advanced age and the benefit of a master bedroom on the first floor. The variance was granted with



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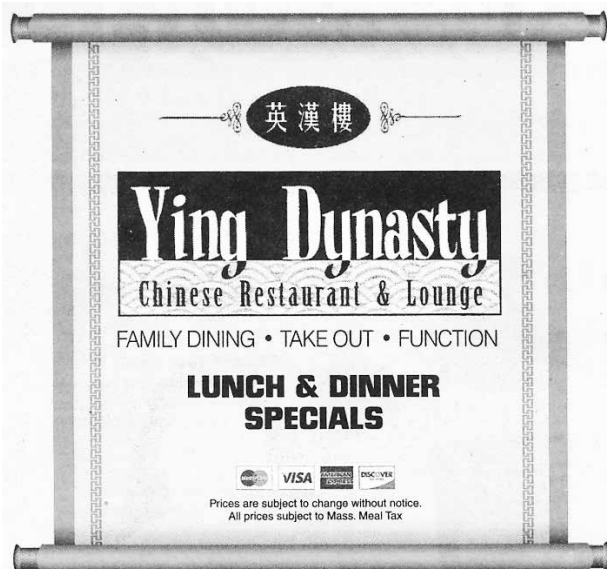
High Street Solar Project Nears Approval

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Planning Board Tuesday came close to approving the Site Plan Review and Special Permit for Site A of the High Street Solar project at 0 High St.

Site A of the 20-acre project is the southerly portion of the property close to High Street itself. The



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The board granted the project waivers on required landscaping plans because a lot of natural resources are remaining onsite, and it approved the bond amounts the applicant must post, with one exception.

The panel hesitated over the applicant's proposal to post a \$30,165 decommissioning bond based on present-day value rates plus an escalating 2 1/2 percent increase every year. Board chair Arnold Johnson said that's not the way the town has calculated this bond in the past and he would have to seek the opinion of town council and the town accountant. But the board did approve a \$5,000 storm water maintenance bond before continuing the hearing to July 14.

The board also continued to July 14 the site plan review and special permit hearing for High Street Solar 2 at 0 High St. Site two covers the northern lots near Mayflower Lane. Johnson explained this portion of the project has not yet been reviewed by the town's peer engineer.

Next, the board hesitated to make an immediate decision as it reviewed a request to modify the Site Plan Review application for a senior living apartment building proposed for Rochester Crossing, 22 Cranberry Highway

by Steen Development Corp. Steen's engineering consultant Philip Cordeiro explained the modification is a slight change in the underground drainage design. The physical connection to the master system is the same but the pipe is being shifted 80 feet to the north to be centered under the site's overhead utility wires.

Johnson said the board needs to decide if this is a minor change or a major change that would require a new hearing. He said the town's peer engineer, Ken Motta, will need to review the change before a decision is made. Cordeiro asked if the board would approve the change pending the peer engineer's review. A motion to grant this conditional approval failed to pass after Johnson said the board could create a mess for itself if it is not a minor change in Motta's final opinion. This hearing too was continued to July 14.

In other action, the board continued to August 11 its hearing regarding a modification of the previously approved Definitive Subdivision Plan for Snipatuit Pond Estates at Gerrish Road and Bishop Road upon the applicant's request.

The board continued to July 14 its site plan review hearing filed by the Town of Rochester on a plan to clear and re-grade land behind town hall for an 8,220-square foot parking lot.

The Rochester Planning Board's next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Ecological Restoration Discussed

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

The June meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission was packed with technical matters which the commission handled with the assistance of environmental agent Samantha Carew.

First up, it was announced that four agenda hearings would be continued to later dates. Those cases are an Abbreviated Resource Delineation for Steven Cabral for property located at 182 North Street, a pathway clearing at Bryne and Shell Beach Road for Stephen Vaites, A Notice of Intent filed by Raymond



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Hanks located at 18 Crystal Springs Road, and a beach nourishment filing for The Pratt family Trust located at 11 Sea Marsh Way.

A filing by the Buzzards Bay Coalition for a bog restoration for bogs located on Wolf Island Road took some time to wade through as commission members expressed concerns that flooding in the area might contaminate the surrounding area with legacy chemicals from agricultural activity.

Commission members David Nicolosi and David Lawrence both expressed concerns that poorly managed site-specific storm water overflow might get into the freshwater areas causing damage to potable water sources.

The commission with the assistance of Carew began to draft special conditions for. about an hour that would guide the project, but ultimately the project was continued to the next meeting.

Also discussed was a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by the town of Mattapoisett for removal and replacement of pavement, curbs, and catch basins at 94 County Road. A Negative 3 determination was rendered.

Also receiving a negative decision was an RDA filed by MASS DOT for the replacement and or repair of guard rails on both the east and west bound corridors of Route 6.

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One major concern involves efforts to obtain and review state voter registration records. The administration has sought access to voter information from states across the country, including data that may contain sensitive personal information such as driver's license numbers, Social Security information, and voting histories. Critics argue that such requests go beyond legitimate election administration and create opportunities for federal officials to challenge voter registrations, remove eligible voters from voter rolls, or intimidate voters. When voter rolls are altered improperly, eligible citizens may discover they cannot vote only after arriving at the polls or requesting a ballot.

Concerns have also been raised about proposals that could require states to comply with federal demands regarding voter registration records to maintain access to election-related services. Opponents argue that such policies could pressure states into surrendering control over election administration and make voting more difficult for millions of Americans.

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Congress also has the power to hold the executive branch accountable. Through oversight hearings, investigations, and legislation, lawmakers can examine whether federal agencies are acting within their legal authority. Congress can require transparency, demand public explanations for policy decisions, and enact laws that protect voting rights and election administration from political manipulation.

State governments are another important line of defense. Secretaries of state, election boards, and attorneys general can resist federal actions that exceed constitutional authority and can defend their election systems in court. Because election administration is decentralized, states possess significant power to protect

voters from improper federal interference.

Finally, citizens and civic organizations play a vital role in protecting democracy. Voting rights groups can monitor election practices, educate voters about their rights, provide legal assistance, and challenge unlawful restrictions. Journalists and watchdog organizations can expose misconduct and inform the public about actions that may affect elections.

Democracy depends on public trust that elections reflect the will of the voters rather than the interests of political leaders. Regardless of political affiliation, Americans share a responsibility to ensure that election rules promote participation, fairness, transparency, and accountability. Strong institutions, active civic engagement, and respect for constitutional limits on executive power are essential to protecting the right to vote and preserving democratic government.

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Academic Achievements

Audrey Wallace of Marion and **Bailey Tieu** of Rochester, enrolled during Spring Semester 2026 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above).

Emmanuel College awarded a Bachelor of Science Biology Magna Cum Laude to **Madeline Wright** of Mattapoisett at the College's 104th Commencement.

Bailey Tieu of Rochester has received the following degree(s) from The University of Alabama: Bachelor of Science.

Mattapoisett Community Tennis Association Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Community Tennis Association (MCTA) is pleased to announce the winners of a \$500 scholarship for a senior member of the Old Rochester Regional High School tennis team.

The recipients this year are Neva Matos of Rochester and Caroline Houdelette of Marion. Neva plans to attend Stonehill College to pursue a program of study in Biology / Pre-Med, while Caroline plans to attend Wheaton College to pursue a degree in Nursing.

Both ladies were outstanding players for the ORR tennis team this past season with Neva named the SCC MVP and Caroline named an SCC All Star. The MCTA wishes them continued success in their future endeavors and hope that will include a lifetime of playing tennis.

For more information about MCTA and our summer drop-in tennis, please visit our website at www.mattapoisetttennis.com or text Ellen at 978-844-1117 or Mike at 781-888-1110.

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Race Results

Once again, the wind was too strong on Tuesday, June 17 for the Ensign fleet to race. The ORR high school

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team did some in the harbor practice racing.

On Wednesday Night the wind was perfect for the bigger PHRF boats. In Class A Kindred Spirits once again led the way this time however was followed by newcomer Peter Schwebach in Morpheus. Third place went to Restless with Surprise and Coconuts rounding out the fleet.

In Class B Fir Na Tine led the fleet the entire course winning by over 2 minutes over Kinsail and Chickadee, with only 13 seconds separating the second and third place boats. Lindisfarne placed fourth.

In the series totals Kindred Spirits has command so far in Class A, however like last year Class B is up for grabs with Kinsail holding a one-point lead over Fir Na Tine with the rest of the fleet close behind. There are two more weeks of racing in the June series and as they say, "anything can happen".

Buzzards Bay Musicfest Returns to Marion

The musicians for the Buzzards Bay Musicfest come from around the country and, indeed, around the world. They perform in the finest concert halls, opera houses and ballet theaters while continuing to collaborate with world-class artists that make their experiences unique and profound. From the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra to the Pit Orchestras of Broadway and from the Washington Concert Opera to the recording studios of Hollywood, the biographies of these players are remarkable and will astound you with their accomplishments and musical pedigree. What is even more astonishing is that they will be performing in the 28th season of the Buzzards Bay Musicfest at Tabor Academy in Marion, from **July 15 through July 19**. All concerts are free admission.

Charles Stegeman, Concertmaster, Artistic Director, violin, is the co-founder of the Buzzards Bay Musicfest as well as the Sunflower Music Festival. He is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music (accepted at the age of 14) and the Juilliard School, with a bachelor's and master's degree, respectively. Mr. Stegeman has performed for approximately five million people on four continents in a performance career that spans five decades, averaging approximately 70 concerts a year for the last 50 years, performing concerts nationally and internationally as soloist, concertmaster, and chamber musician, and is internationally sought after as a teacher and master clinician.

Antony Walker, Guest Conductor, is Music Director of Pittsburgh Opera. Since making his debut in Sydney, Australia in 1992, Maestro Walker has conducted over 100 operas, as well as large scale choral orchestra / symphonic works with companies and orchestras in Australia, the U.S., Asia, the UK, and Europe. He has led operatic performances for The Metropolitan Opera, English National Opera, Opera Australia, Opera di Firenze, Teatro Comunale in Bologna, Welsh National Opera, Canadian Opera Company, Santa Fe Opera,

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and New York City Opera, amongst others. Symphonic engagements include a recent debut with the Mozarteum Orchestra in Salzburg, as well as the Orchestre Colonne in Paris, Orchestra of the Antipodes, Sinfonia Australis, Melbourne Symphony, and Orchestra Victoria. Maestro Walker is also the founding Artistic Director and now Conductor Emeritus of the award-winning Pinchgut Opera in Sydney.

The Buzzards Bay Musicfest is a series of five concerts, all free admission, from July 15 through July 19, in the Fireman Performing Arts Center on the campus of Tabor Academy, 245 Front St., Marion, MA 02738. For more detailed information, please visit: www.buzzardsbaymusicfest.com.

Mattapoisett Town Band

The Mattapoisett Town Band will begin our 2026 season on **July 1** with a Fourth of July patriotic spectacular concert, celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America.

This will be the first concert in an eight-week series the Mattapoisett Town band will hold every Wednesday night, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Shipyard Park in Mattapoisett.

Other concert themes for the 2026 season will include a musicals night, a 70s night, a Latin American night, a TV and Movie music night, and a request night.

Tinkhamtown Chapel Open House

Have you ever driven by the Tinkhamtown Chapel on Acushnet Road in Mattapoisett, and wondered what it looks like inside? Here's your chance. On Sunday, **July 5** from 12:00 pm noon to 3:00 pm, the Tinkhamtown Chapel will be holding an Open House. Drop by to learn the history of the Chapel, see the recent repainting and stenciling of the interior, and talk to members of the Chapel Board. The Helping Hand Society building next door will also be open for viewing. The Chapel is located at 190 Acushnet Road, at the corner of Acushnet Road and Tinkham Lane. Parking is available on the property or on Tinkham Lane. Please contact Gail Roberts at 508-758-9559 if you have any questions.

Arts in the Park Returns

Arts in the Park returns on Saturday, **July 11** from 10-4 pm at Bicentennial Park, located at the corners of Spring and Main streets in Marion. The event sees a select group of artists and artisans who apply for review by the MAC's exhibitions committee. Around 50 artists and artisans produce goods that include baskets, ceramics, clothing, collage, fiber, glass, jewelry, woodworking, painted and hand-crafted furniture, original illustrations, paintings, photography, and more.

The MAC sponsors this family-friendly event which also features live music - Richard Lewis and Ric Allendorf, the Oxcart food truck, raffle, and free games

and activities for kids and families.

The galleries will remain open during the event so that patrons can enjoy our summer exhibition, Declaration and Dialogue.

The rain date for the event is Sunday, **July 12**. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

Reading Frederick Douglass Together

The Marion Art Center will present a public reading of Frederick Douglass's 1852 speech What to the Slave is the Fourth of July? A diverse group of readers from the South Coast region will read an abridged version of Douglass's famous speech. Audience members are invited to join the community conversation led by guest scholar Dr. Moise St. Louis, in conjunction with the reading portion of the program. The program is on Monday, **July 6** at 1:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street, Marion. This event is free and open to everyone.

The Marion Council on Aging will serve lunch at 12:00pm prior to the event. Anyone wishing to join for lunch may do so with a \$5 donation and should call the COA office at 508-748-3570 by Thursday, July 2 at 12:00pm to make their reservation.

The presentation of this public reading is a statewide initiative coordinated by Mass Humanities, a generous sponsor of these free community events. More information is at the MAC website marionartcenter.org/events.

Unplugged Concert Rescheduled

The MAC wishes to advise members and patrons that the Unplugged: show featuring Matt Richard and Paul Del Nero, originally scheduled for May, has now been rescheduled for **July 24**.

There will be two separate performances during the night, and each set will last about an hour. Find a spot at a cabaret table to listen to a mix of jazz standards and original compositions by both artists. The first seating is at 7 pm and the second is at 8:30 pm with each seating lasting about an hour. Tickets for one seating are \$15 for MAC members and \$20 for nonmembers. This popular event has limited seating so secure your tickets early. Tickets and more information at marionartcenter.org/events.

St. Philip's Begins 142nd Summer Season

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, located next to the Town Beach in Mattapoisett, opens for their 142nd year with clergy visiting each week through Sunday September 6. Services, using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, are at 8:00 am and 10:00 am All are welcome.

June 28: The Rev. Robert Malm, Interim Rector St. Peter's On the Canal, Buzzards Bay.

July 5: The Rev. Marc Eames, Rector St. John's

Church, Vernon, CT.

July 12: The Rev. Marc Eames.

July 19: The Rev. Andrew Kryzak, Rector St. John's Church, Stamford, CT.

July 26: The Rev. John Kennedy, Associate Rector St. Mark's Church, New Cannon, CT.

August 2: The Rev. Marc Eames.

August 9: The Rev. William Lock, Assisting Priest St. Stephen's Church, Providence, RI.

August 16: The Rev. William Lock.

August 23: The Rev. Robert Malm.

August 30: The Rev. Michael Pearson, Assisting Priest St. Stephen's Church, Providence, RI.

September 6: The Rev. Robert Malm.

September 6: Hymn Sing Evening, 4:00 pm.

Center School Hosts Marine Biologist Nick Mayer

A tiny turtle named Jellybean and an artist with a marine biology background recently inspired Center School students to new levels of appreciation for aquatic life.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Dr. Linda Ashley are pleased to share that Center School students in the second and third grades received an interactive lesson on Friday, June 5, from Nick Mayer, a marine biologist turned wildlife artist, focused on the school's diamondback terrapin. Mayer made a bright, detailed, eye-catching painting of Jellybean the diamondback terrapin using watercolors and he showed the students how to do so as well.

Later that afternoon, Mayer helped release the school's terrapin back into the wild, together with the help of the Northeast Coastal Wildlife Alliance.

"Thank you so much for inviting us to your school to teach your students how to paint your diamondback terrapin, Jellybean," said Mayer. "It was such a fun and meaningful experience. I think the entire event tells a beautiful story about the connection between conservation and art. My goal as an artist is to inspire a deeper appreciation for this world's remarkable creatures, with the hope that this appreciation grows into conservation, empathy and a greater desire to protect them. That is why I volunteer my time to lead workshops like this."

Mayer did three free workshops with more than 90 Center School students, while also promoting the Nick Mayer Wildlife Fund, which aims to protect marine life and restore ocean ecosystems by combining the emotional power of art with targeted conservation efforts. For more information on Mayer's work, go to nickmayerwildlifefund.org.

This event was made possible by Ben Squire, Science Specialist at the Center School and Old Hammondtown School, who collaborated with Mayer to



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bring this unique learning experience to the students.

"This was an incredible experience for our students that combined science, art and environmental stewardship in a way that was engaging and accessible," said Principal Ashley. "It was amazing to see such engaged, active participation among our students during this event. Thank you to our guest Nick Mayer for providing these workshops. Our students were excited to learn more about diamondback terrapins, create their own artwork and participate in an experience that helped them better understand the importance of protecting wildlife and coastal ecosystems."

"We are grateful to Nick Mayer for sharing his expertise and passion with our students," said Superintendent Nelson. "I'd also like to thank Ben Squire from the Center School for facilitating this opportunity for our students. Opportunities like these help bring classroom learning to life and inspire curiosity, creativity and a deeper appreciation for the natural world."

OCRVTHS Budget Receives Required Community Approval

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School is pleased to announce that its Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget has received the approvals necessary for adoption under the district's regional agreement.

To date, the member towns of Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester have voted to approve the FY27 budget. While the Town of Acushnet has rescheduled its Annual Town Meeting to June 29, 2026, the budget has already achieved the level of support required for passage. Under the district's regional agreement, approval by two-thirds of the member communities is necessary for adoption. With four of the five member towns voting in favor, the FY27 budget has



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officially passed.

Superintendent-Director Aaron Polansky expressed his appreciation for the collaboration and support demonstrated throughout the budget development process.

"On behalf of the Old Colony School Committee, administration, faculty, staff, and students, I would like to sincerely thank our member towns for their thoughtful participation in this year's budget planning process and for their continued support of vocational and technical education," said Polansky. "The approval of this budget reflects a shared commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for the students and families we serve."

The FY27 budget is a level-service budget that will allow Old Colony to continue delivering high-quality academic and career technical programs, supporting student success, maintaining essential services, and preparing graduates for post-secondary education, apprenticeships, military service, and employment in high-demand industries.

Sippican Woman's Club Scholarships

The Sippican Woman's Club is pleased to announce that they have awarded \$11,100.00 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors who reside in Marion and in addition, they have awarded \$4,500 in renewal/continuing education scholarships to residents



of Marion enrolled in a post-secondary college/university. The funds used to award these scholarships came from the money raised during the club's Holiday House Tour that was held in early December 2025.

The following seven high school seniors were the recipients of the graduating senior scholarships: from Old Rochester Regional High School: Charlotte Cook (Stonehill College), Caroline Houdelette (Springfield College), Delilah Post (Fairfield University), and Katherine Young (Springfield College). From Bishop Stang High School: Mary Grace Russo (Clemson University). From The Tabor Academy: Nicholas Parks (Massachusetts Maritime Academy). And from Upper Cape Regional Technical High School: Joshua Van Inwegen (Maine Maritime Academy). Also, Charlotte Cook from Old Rochester Regional was the recipient of the Lu Chevrier Award. This award goes to a graduating senior who wants to teach or has taught in some manner (such as tutoring or helping another student.) This award honors Lu Chevrier who was the President of the club for 3 years from 1996-1999.

The following nine Marion residents were the recipients of the renewal/continuing education scholarships: Ella Bartholomew (Boston University), Kate Feeney (Elon University), Sydney Feeney (University of Connecticut), Failenn Fitzpatrick (College of the Holy Cross), Elizabeth Houdelette (Springfield College), Laura Pardo (College of the Holy Cross), Catherine Parks (Providence College), Emily Wyman (Boston College), Sarah Wyman (Boston College.)

The Alice Ryder Book Award has been presented to the highest-ranking 8th English student from Marion at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. This year's recipient is Shanley Pearl Lempert. Shanley received a \$100 Amazon Gift Card to purchase some books of her choice. Alice Ryder was the President of the Sippican Woman's Club three times from 1922-1925, 1940-1944 and 1946-1948. Alice also authored the book 'Lands of Sippican', which tells of the history of when Marion, Rochester and Mattapoisett were one community.

The Sippican Woman's Club is an active non-profit woman's organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for women to make meaningful connections, embrace lifelong learning, and champion

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humanitarian causes that positively impact the community. The Club welcomes women of Marion or women with an interest in Marion to join our club. For more information on the woman's club, please see our website: www.sippicanwomansclub.org.

New Guide Helps Marion Homeowners Care for Street Trees

The Town of Marion Trees and Parks Committee is pleased to announce the release of an updated booklet, "A Homeowner Guide to Marion's Street Trees," which will be available at the Town of Marion Fourth of July parade, the Elizabeth Taber Library, the Town House, the Council on Aging, and later shared with local realtors for distribution to new and prospective homeowners. The guide offers practical information about how the Town cares for public trees and what property owners should know about living with and around them.

In Massachusetts, a street tree - legally known as a public shade tree - is typically any tree growing within the public way, usually within about ten feet of the edge of the paved road, and these trees fall under the care and authority of the Town rather than the adjacent landowner. These trees frame Marion's streets, parks, and public spaces, providing shade, beauty, cleaner air, wildlife habitat, and a healthier environment for residents and visitors alike.

The new booklet explains who is responsible for planting, caring for, and, when necessary, removing street trees, including the role of the Tree Warden, Department of Public Works, and Trees and Parks Committee. It also outlines what homeowners may and may not do around street trees - such as trimming, construction near roots, or planting on Town land - helping residents avoid unintentional damage or violations of state public shade tree laws.

Homeowners will also find information about many of the tree species that have been planted throughout Marion's streets, parks, cemeteries, and public buildings, reflecting a long local tradition of improving and beautifying the village through shade and ornamental trees. The Committee hopes the guide will encourage residents to recognize, protect, and, where appropriate, request new street trees, ensuring that Marion's leafy character will continue to benefit future generations.

Copies of "A Homeowner Guide to Marion's Street Trees" will be available along the Fourth of July parade route and afterward through the Trees and Parks Committee and participating realtors. Thank you for helping to care for Marion's trees."

Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Check out these summer highlights at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, located at 7 Barstow

OBITUARIES



Rene E. Harbeck, 84, of Rochester, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2026, at St. Luke's Hospital following a brief illness.

He was the beloved husband of Patricia J. (Grandfield) Harbeck, with whom he shared 61 years of marriage, a bond built on love, devotion, and a lifetime of shared memories. Born in Fairhaven,

Mr. Harbeck relocated to New Bedford in 1965, later residing in Dartmouth for 30 years before making his home in Rochester for the past 26 years. He was the son of the late Rene Y. and Alida (Ricard) Harbeck.

Mr. Harbeck was a U.S. Army Vietnam era veteran and attained the rank of Private, First Class.

He was the proprietor of American Energy Savers in New Bedford, where he sold and repaired wood stoves. He took great pride in his work and deeply loved his shop, which reflected his craftsmanship and dedication to serving his customers.

Aside from his work, he enjoyed spending time at Snipatuit Pond in Rochester, a place he found peaceful and meaningful in his leisure time.

Rene will be remembered for his steady presence, strong work ethic, and quiet devotion to family. His long

marriage and the life he built across the South Coast stand as a reflection of a man who valued commitment, hard work, and the people closest to him.

In addition to his wife, Patricia, he is survived by his two sons, Douglas P. Harbeck and his companion, Ellie Almeida of Fall River, and Craig A. Harbeck and his wife, Maria, of Lewes, Delaware; four grandchildren, Rachel Harbeck, Dylan Harbeck, Patrick Harbeck, and Alina Harbeck; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his two sisters, Jeanine Greaves and Denise Fitzpatrick.

Rene will be remembered for his steady presence, strong work ethic, and quiet devotion to family. His long marriage and the life he built across the South Coast stand as a reflection of a man who valued commitment, hard work, and the people closest to him.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Mr. Harbeck's memory to a charity of your choice.

Private funeral arrangements committed to the care of Aubertine-Lopes Funeral Home, 129 Allen St., New Bedford

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The first Picnic Book Club will be this Friday, **June 26** at 10:00 am on the library lawn. Bring any book you have read or are currently reading to discuss. Enjoy light snacks, beverages, and literary conversations. Register on our website to attend.

School is out and it's time for the Teen Summer Reading Challenges to begin. Teens can read a book from their assigned summer reading list and fill out book reviews to earn prizes throughout the summer. Keep an eye out for other summer reading opportunities coming up soon.

Professional calligrapher, Debby Reelitz, will be at the library on **June 30** at 6:30 pm for a hands-on "Founding Fathers" calligraphy program. Register on our website to reserve your spot.

Acclaimed author Eric Jay Dolin, will join us on **July 1** at 5:30 pm to discuss his 2022 publication, "Rebels at Sea: Privateering in the American Revolution," followed by a Q&A with attendees. No registration required. This program is supported by a grant from the Mattapoissett Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Robert Ainsworth, experienced CFO and author of the Harry Bartlett fraud mystery series, is visiting the library on **July 3** at 11:00 am. Learn about the history's swindlers, from Ancient Greece to today. No registration required.

Are you in search of a writing community? Come to the library's new Writing Group on **July 7** at 5:00 pm. Get to know the group with a short writing exercise, share your writing goals or progress, and then participate in some quiet writing time. No registration required.

Do you own a sewing machine, but aren't sure how to use it? Bring your sewing machine to the library for a Beginner's Sewing Class on Saturday, **July 11** from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This class is open to adults, young adults, and children accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

Join Jeff Belanger at MFPL for a motivational talk on "Turning Passion into Your Profession," on **July 14** at 6:00 pm. For the last two decades, Jeff Belanger has earned his living doing what he loves: chasing stories, publishing books, producing television programs, podcasting, and public speaking. This motivational talk helps lay out a road map to self-employment or building a side hustle for almost any type of job. No registration required.

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoissettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Children's Department Events at the Mattapoissett Library

Our Kids' Summer Reading Program officially started on June 23, so be sure to come down and sign up.

All of our summer reading events are free and open to the public, so you don't need to register for the Kids' Summer Reading Program to attend, but you must register to be eligible for prizes.

We're trying out a new program this summer. Puzzle Races. Compete against other families for the coveted title of puzzle champions. Registration is required. We only have space for four teams, so when registering, please only register one person (we will reach out for the names of everyone on your team later). Teams can be 2-6 people, ages 6 and up. Puzzle Races are happening on Friday, **July 3** at 2:00 pm.

On Thursday, **June 25**, at 1:00 pm, kids can come unleash their inner Picasso. They will craft a charming little flowerpot, plant a seed, and watch their green masterpiece bloom. All ages welcome. Registration is required.

Our Summer Storytime Sessions will be starting with Family Storytime on Thursday, June 25, and Baby Storytime on Friday, **June 26**, both at 10:30 am. Family Storytime will be taking place at Munro Preserve, just down the street from the library. In the event of rain, we will simply meet at the library.

On Saturday, **June 27**, at 11:00 am, children ages 6 and up can create a Pirate Costume, make a Pirate Flag, play Pirate Games, learn navigation skills, and more. Spots are limited; registration is required.

Come down to the library on Tuesday **June 30** at 4:30 pm to hear a maritime story and meet some of the folks working at our town's boat yard. All are welcome. No sign-up required.

Get ready for a kid-approved culinary adventure. Little chefs will love making these cute under-the-sea graham crackers - a perfect snackivity with an ocean theme. Wednesday, **July 1** from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Ages 2+, registration is required.

More information about all of our programs is available on our website, mattapoissettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

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7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Carol Sanz
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews
10:00 AM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
11:30 AM Tour de Creme
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
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6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
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8:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology
8:30 PM Marion Art Center - Collective Sightings Exhibition
9:00 PM Tour de Creme
9:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday June 26, 2026
7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Collective Sightings Exhibition

11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
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5:00 PM ORR Baseball vs New Bedford
6:15 PM ORR Softball vs Bishop Stang
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday June 27, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
10:30 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
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7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 PM A Conversation With...
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday June 28, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford Review Show
4:30 PM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
6:00 PM Old Colony Graduation
7:00 PM ORR Graduation
8:30 PM Tabor Academy Commencement
10:30 PM ORR Promenade
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday June 29, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Modernizing Funding for Public Access
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic

Band
6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Marconi Building
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of Massachusetts
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday June 30, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!
6:00 PM Marion Art Center - Unplugged
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday July 1, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
1:30 PM Money Matters
2:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
3:30 PM The Mattapoisett Rail Trail
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
4:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
5:00 PM Marion Art Center
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Pete on the Street
6:30 PM World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
8:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:45 PM Mattapoisett Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
10:30 PM Classic Movies

MARION GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Marion Planning Board
10:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
1:30 AM Marion Board of Health
3:00 PM Marion School Committee
4:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
6:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
8:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
10:30 PM ORR School Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
12:30 PM Rochester School Committee
2:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
5:00 PM ORR School Committee
6:30 PM Rochester Select Board
7:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
9:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission

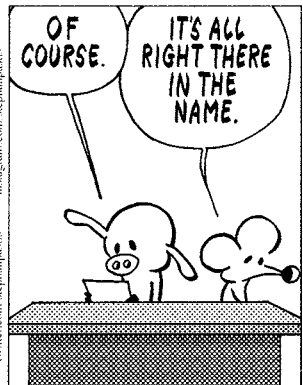
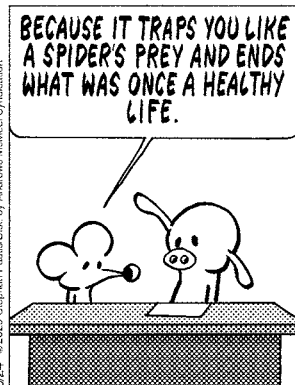
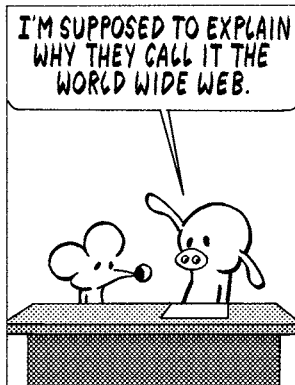
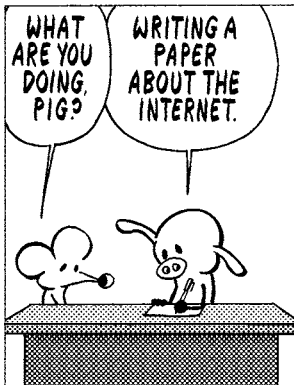
EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
9:00 AM Old Colony Excellence in Effort Awards Night
10:00 AM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Bourne
11:00 AM ORR National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:45 PM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
2:00 PM Tabor Academy Commencement
4:00 PM ORR Graduation
5:30 PM Old Colony Graduation
6:30 PM Old Colony Building Project Update
7:00 PM ORR Theater Class
8:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
10:00 PM IRR Baseball vs Apponequet
11:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 38

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



**From the Files of the
Rochester Historical Society
By Connie Eshbach**

In the early days of the conflict between the American colonies and Great Britain, there was no great push for an actual split from the mother country. Trouble began in 1761, after King George III (shown here) was installed on the throne and he issued a "writ of assistance". For many years, Britain had neglected customs laws and this writ intended to begin enforcing them, but with a difference. It created an open-ended warrant for Britain to search any warehouses, ships, shops, or homes that it chose. Three years later a series of additional taxes were levied on the colonies.

These writs and taxes agitated many of the colonies, primarily because they believed that their rights as Englishmen were being ignored. This means that early on there was room for negotiations rather than an early call for war. In 1775, the 2nd Continental Congress sent the "Olive Branch Petition" to the King as



a last minute try at convincing him to relax his aggressive punishments against the colonies which would allow them to continue as British subjects. However, the King, influenced by Lord North and other hard liners in Parliament, refused and the war for independence began in earnest.

Lucy Worsley on PBS has recently been exploring how those in England felt about the rebellion of the American colonies. Just as in the colonies, there were differing opinions. Many in England felt that the King and Parliament were on the wrong course. Particularly those whose livelihoods were opposed to the aggressive policies.

In 1775, a group of merchants and traders in Bristol, England, wrote a letter to the King that urged him to give the American colonists the freedoms that they wanted so that an important trading relationship would not be destroyed.

An article found in our files told how the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London wrote to the King, "We have already expressed to your Majesty our abhorrence of the tyrannical measures pursued against our fellow subjects in America, as well as of the men who secretly advise and of the ministers who execute their measures".

Unfortunately for King George, he listened to the wrong people. He followed the advice of those who wanted to punish rather than work with the colonies and the rest was history.

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



For students at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, S.C.O.P.E. (Supplemental Courses Offering Personal Enrichment) is a week-long enrichment program for 7th-grade students. Last week, students built cardboard boats and raced in an annual regatta at the Mattapoisett YMCA. Pictured (left) Ellen Walker and Aubrey Beuregard. Pictured (right) is Layla Deveaux, Madasyn Caton, Rachel Gotthold, and Alice Stanley. Photo submitted by Kathy Gauvin



Twilight on Ship Street in Mattapoisett. Photo by Ruth Griffin

Blue heron sunning itself on a backyard stonewall wall in Mattapoisett. Submitted by Melissa Chase



Laramie asks now that I've gotten up here, how do I get out? Photo by Carol Rhoads



Photos by Jennifer Shepley

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Upcoming Events for the Rochester Historical Society

July will be busy at the Museum. We have given new life to the bell in the belfry of the East Rochester Church, now our museum. We will be ringing it at noon on **July 4**. We are encouraging anyone who would like to try their hand at ringing it to be at the museum at 11:30 am. The bell will toll 13 times at 12:00 pm noon. Bring your own bells to ring along. There will be ice cream cups and handouts of the Declaration of Independence.

Elizabeth Taber Library Summer Programs Continue

Summer reading registration is open, and exciting summer programs are underway at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Visit elizabethtaberlibrary.org/summer for information on all our summer children's programs.

On Tuesday, **June 30** at 6:00 pm, kids and their caregivers can listen to Kendal Heldt read her book *Queen of the Rocks*, based on Marion's Planting Island Causeway, and make their very own sea glass craft.

Local favorite Toe Jam Puppet Band will be making a stop at the Elizabeth Taber Library at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, **July 2** for an outdoor concert.

Teens and tweens ages 10+ with a love for theater won't want to miss our stage makeup workshop with Little Spark Theater. Register online at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events. Participants will learn how to make fake wounds and bruises using stage makeup at 11:30 am on Tuesday, **July 7**.

You'll also be able to find us at the Washburn Trust Farmer's Market this summer. Starting Tuesday, **June 30** at 2:00 pm, we'll be providing storytime every other week at the farmers' market. Kids ages 0-5 and their families won't want to miss this chance to do shop for local produce and goods while also participating in an energetic storytime.

July 3 Fireworks Celebration at Silvershell Beach

Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman, Police Chief Richard B. Nighelli and Fire Chief Brian Jackvony urge residents to celebrate safely this upcoming Fourth of July weekend and ask motorists to follow traffic and parking guidelines for the July 3 Fireworks Celebration at Silvershell Beach.

The Marion Fireworks Committee has announced the return of the Town's Independence Day weekend fireworks display to Silvershell Beach on Friday, July 3, at 9:15 pm, as part of Marion's celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

Organizers encourage attendees to bring a blanket, a picnic and their patriotic spirit as the Marion Concert Band kicks off the evening with a selection of patriotic favorites before the fireworks light up the harbor.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Rain or Shine

By Rob Gonsalves
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Pressure. Starring Andrew Scott and Brendan Fraser. Directed by Anthony Maras. Running time: 100 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now available on home streaming media.

Last year's *F1* was a slightly ill-timed Father's Day gift, and now, on streaming, we have another one, *Pressure*, which might be a double dad movie — it's about war *and* weather. Specifically, it's about how a courageous meteorologist, Captain James Stagg (Andrew Scott), stormed the beach at Normandy Well, no, not really. But he *did* warn the Allies off of the D-Day date everyone had their heart set on, June 5, and when more information came in, Stagg gave the OK for the invasion to unfold a day later, which it did, successfully.

June 5, June 5, we're going June 5: that's the mantra from General Eisenhower (Brendan Fraser) on down. Another meteorologist, Colonel Krick (Chris Messina), is certain June 5 will be fine; the sun will literally shine upon the Allies' efforts. Krick bases this assumption on what the weather did during similar conditions in, say, 1925. Stagg isn't nearly so sure, and Ike wants certainty, the one thing Stagg can't promise. Weather people worldwide might watch *Pressure* and feel vindicated: Here, finally, is a riposte to the *stupidos* who blame forecasters for being "wrong." All they can offer is conjecture based on data.

Pressure, directed by Anthony Maras from a script he co-adapted from David Haig's play, gets a lot of mileage out of a potentially dry subject. Stagg and Krick are set up as opposite numbers and duelling ideologies of weather. Krick tells Ike what he wants to hear; Stagg predicts literal gloom and doom, high winds and waves, stormy rain. So when might be a more prudent date to attack? Oh, June 18. Everyone is crestfallen: By then, the Germans will have seen through the various Allied ruses and be ready for the onslaught. It will be, as it was during a practice run six weeks ago, a massacre for our boys.

The story comes out in favor of data, and



accurate scrutiny of it, over wishful thinking and wanting to appease the top brass. Krick isn't really the villain here; nobody is (except the Nazis). Stagg is up against skepticism about the little-known science of meteorology, which reads to some people like magic. But these magicians don't control the weather; they just try to speculate with reasonable precision how it will behave. When, as Stagg forecasts, June 5 is rainy and treacherous, all his doubters sit miserably in church while it pours outside. You'd think they'd be relieved that they didn't feed the soldiers into a meteorological meat grinder, but I presume they're thinking about what would have happened if they'd followed their erroneous instincts and ignored Stagg in favor of Krick. Krick is confidently, borderline cockily, certain. Stagg is only certain of uncertainty and won't revise that to make the generals relax.

So essentially, against a backdrop of a mega-conflict, a smaller conflict plays out. Fraser brings the bluster the role demands, but he also uses his big body to suggest vulnerability as much as to intimidate. Scott and Messina are two flavors of geeks clashing together — the dynamic is a little like Sheldon and Howard on *The Big Bang Theory*, with Messina's Krick even tickling the ivories and singing. (From this movie you might get the impression that our boys sang and danced when at ease. It makes for less grim viewing, anyway, even when we're asked to fear for the life of Stagg's pregnant wife.) *Pressure* is graitffyingly granular about its conflict without nerding out too hard over barometric readings, and at a hundred minutes it's blessedly short and to-the-point. It's a more concise Father's Day present than last year's, I guess.

back to our community,” Town Administrator Gorman said. “So many members of this amazing community have combined talents and hard work to organize what promises to be an unforgettable show.”

Arrival and Parking Details - Those planning to attend the fireworks event at Silvershell Beach are encouraged to arrive early, and residents of the Marion Village area should ask expected guests to arrive no later than 7:00 pm that evening.

The Marion Police Department also asks visitors to obey the following parking guidelines:

- For those located west of Front Street, guests parking on side streets are asked to park facing Converse Road or Pleasant Street.

- For those located east of Front Street, guests parking on side streets are asked to park facing Water Street.

- The exception is for vehicles on Vine Street, which are asked to face west toward Front Street.

- No parking will be allowed on the south side of Lewis Street between Front Street and Converse Road.

The above parking guidance will help to reduce traffic problems should guests wish to leave before, during or immediately after the fireworks show.

Handicap parking will be available at the beach. Attendees are reminded that alcohol is prohibited and dogs are not allowed. Drone use will also be restricted in the area.

Attendees may see an increased police presence in the area in support of the event.

Community members are reminded if they “See Something, Say Something.” Any misuse of fireworks witnessed in Town can be reported to the Marion Police Department at 508-748-1212.

Always call 911 in case of a firework-related emergency, a possible impaired driver on the road or other emergency. Click [here](#) for more safe celebration tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Celebrate Safely - It is illegal for private citizens to use, possess, or sell fireworks in Massachusetts without a license and permit. This includes fireworks purchased legally elsewhere and brought into Massachusetts. It includes sparklers, firecrackers, cherry bombs, and other fireworks. The penalty for violating the law may include confiscation, and a fine or imprisonment, or both. Fines range from \$10 to \$1,000, and some violations could carry a one-year prison sentence.

Residents are reminded of the following:

- Attend organized and permitted fireworks displays only.

- Never allow young children to go near fireworks.

- Alcohol/ drugs and fireworks do not mix.

Keep pets indoors and away from fireworks. The loud noises and flashing lights can be frightening and overwhelming for pets. Pets can become frightened and run from familiar environments and people, becoming lost.

Marion officials also urge residents to observe the following tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on getting home safely following Fourth of July celebrations:

- Be mindful of pedestrians.

- Always wear your seatbelt.

- Do not drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

- Even if you’ve had only one alcoholic beverage, do not plan on driving.

- Instead, designate a sober driver or use a ride-share service to get home safely.

- Take keys away from individuals who are under the influence and are planning to drive.

- Alcohol and drugs impair perception, judgment, motor skills, and memory, which are critical for safe and responsible driving.

If you see an impaired driver on the road, safely pull over and call 911.

“This year’s fireworks celebration marks a special milestone as we commemorate America’s 250th anniversary,” said Chief Nighelli. “We encourage everyone to arrive early, plan ahead, and celebrate responsibly. By working together, we can make this a safe and enjoyable event for our community.”

The Celebration Begins - While families and friends gather on the beach and surrounding green to enjoy a classic summer evening, Fieldstone Farm’s snack shack will be open and serving favorites including hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream and other refreshments.

On the morning of the show, the launch barge will arrive, and the fireworks will be carefully loaded, inspected and secured. From that point forward, the display must proceed as planned, as safety regulations and operational requirements leave little flexibility for last-minute changes.

While the Marion Fireworks Committee carefully monitors weather conditions and works closely with public safety officials, they unfortunately cannot control Mother Nature. As anyone who lives on Buzzards Bay knows, coastal weather can change quickly. Fog, wind, and other conditions occasionally affect visibility, even when forecasts appear favorable. The committee asks for residents’ understanding that the fireworks must proceed once the barge is loaded and in position.

“Each of our Town’s Departments including Police, Fire, DPW and Recreation along with many volunteers work year-round to make this tradition possible, and we are grateful for their support,” said Tara Calabrese, Chair of the Marion Fireworks Committee. “Perhaps most importantly, this celebration belongs to the community.”

The Marion Fireworks display is funded entirely through private donations, and its return this year is only possible because of the extraordinary generosity of residents, families, local businesses, and supporters who believed in preserving this cherished tradition.

Super Crossword "LO AND BEHOLD!"

ACROSS

- 1 Police dept. alert
4 Celtics, on scoreboards
7 Like messy beds
13 Beard go-with, for short
19 French department head
21 Got ready, with "up"
22 Epithets
23 Refreshing a web page that has detailed contract wording?
26 Half a quart
27 Meadowland
28 Navigate
29 It might make you red in the face
30 Annual bebop music festival in Sri Lanka's capital?
34 Discontinue
36 That girl
37 It might make you red in the face
38 Unbroken
39 Basketball-stuffing pros taking part in a zigzag ski race?

DOWN

- 44 "C'mon, do me this favor"
47 Fountain in Rome
48 Spoil
49 Writer Ferber
50 Visualize
52 "—, vidi, vici"
54 Sheriff
58 Dol. units
61 Becoming less energetic at the disco?
66 Barbie's little sister
69 "I won't — word"
70 Male bud
71 D.C.'s land
72 Having a boss who will only communicate with you by singing?
78 Boxer Laila
79 Wanted-poster abbr.
80 "Let — already!"
81 IRS probes
82 Technique of kneading bivalve mollusks before cooking them?
87 Big inits. in fashion

DOWN

- 1 Spring mo.
2 Got ready
3 Native of Belmopan
4 Officer patrolling an area
5 Condition with rituals, in brief
6 Ben and Jerry of comedy
7 "Roots" actress Leslie
8 After-tax
9 — jongg
10 War god
11 Masterful
12 Falco of TV
13 Breastbone
14 Gratuity
15 Razor option
16 Trite phrase
17 "Taxi" actress Marilu
18 Acid-alcohol compounds
20 "Happy Days" cool guy, with "the"
24 Natal lead-in
25 Requirement
30 Agree (with)
31 Yoko of art
32 Deli classic
33 Rowing blade
35 Genetic ID
40 — Strauss

DOWN

- 41 Pizza cooker
42 Very valuable vase
43 Ray of McDonald's
45 Vanzetti's old partner in crime
46 Actress Thompson
51 Israeli airline
53 "— happy to!"
55 Second-century pope
56 Map extra
57 "By Jove!"
59 Kind of wave
60 Japanese watch brand
62 Olive of old comics
63 "Which — Up?" (1977 comedy film)
64 Orderly lineup
65 "— ordo seclorum" (phrase on a dollar bill)
66 Break to bits
67 Verizon, e.g., in brief
68 Pseudonym
73 Salary limits
74 Depot: Abbr.
75 Trendy Aussie boots
76 Bards
77 Did nothing
83 Toy brick brand

SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A change of season reinvigorates the Lamb, helping to overcome the effects of a recent slower-paced period. This is a good time to restate your feelings for a certain someone.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might not like using your authority to correct a workplace situation, but this is what being in charge is all about. Besides, you have people ready to lend support if need be.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your creativity continues to run high and helps guide you to make some fine choices in the work that you're doing. Keep the weekend free for the special people in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't be surprised if you experience a sudden spurt of energy that is strong enough to pull you out of a recent period of indecision and put you back in charge of your own goals.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time for LEOs and LEONas to set new goals regarding health, educational choices, and possible career moves. The plans you make now could be a blueprint for your future.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might have much to offer to a potential employer, but it can all be overwhelmed by too many details. Let the facts about you speak for themselves without any embellishments.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to balance your responsibilities to your work-a-day world with your obligations to the people who are in your private life. Expect news that could lead to a change in plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A changing attitude on the part of a once-determined adversary could cause changes down the line. Be prepared to take advantage of an unexpected new opportunity!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'd be a truly wise SAGITTARIUS to be skeptical about an offer that doesn't answer all your questions. Even a colleague's testimonial doesn't replace facts that aren't there.

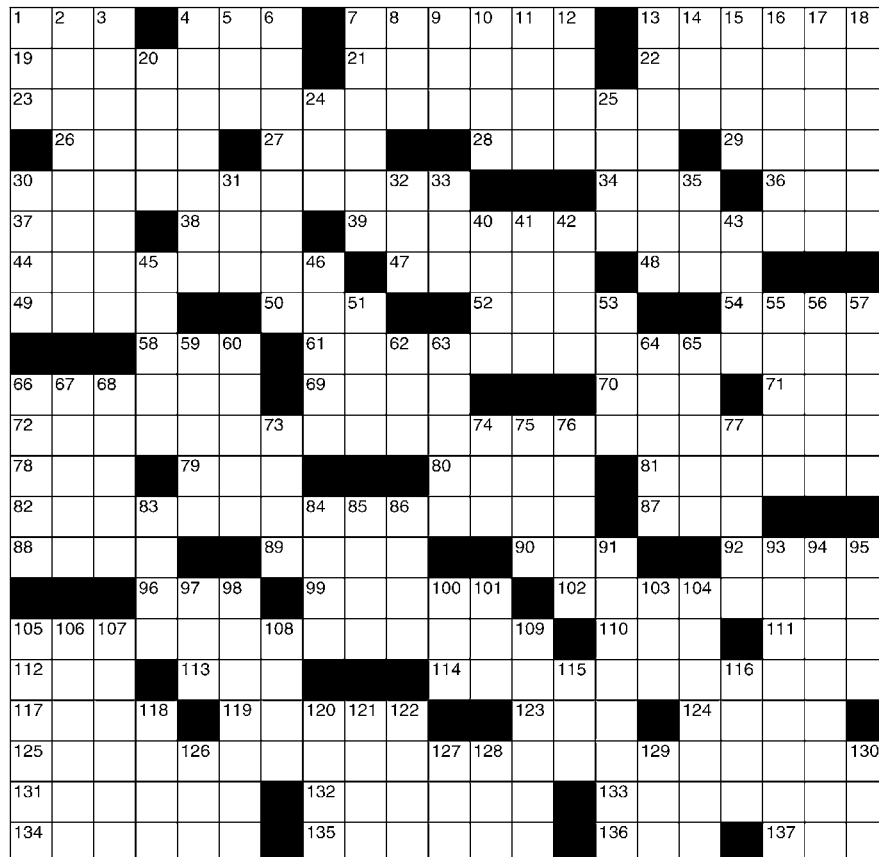
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good idea to avoid spending money on unnecessary purchases this week in order to keep a reserve against a possible upcoming (but fortunately temporary) shortfall.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) More information is what you should demand regarding a workplace situation that recently came to light. Don't be surprised at who might turn up as one of your supporters.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still be in a "treading water" mode, but by midweek, a shift in your aspect favors taking a more active role in pushing for the changes that you feel are necessary. Good luck!

BORN THIS WEEK: You exude a warm, caring attitude that comforts everyone who comes into your life.

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"Every contribution, large or small, helps light up the harbor and create lasting memories for generations to come," said Calabrese. "We are deeply grateful to everyone who stepped forward to ensure that Marion's skies will sparkle once again this Independence Day."

Scrumptious Summer Lobster Roll and Bake Sale

The First Congregational Church of Marion announces that its Summer Lobster Roll and Bake Sale is coming soon. This fundraising event takes place on Saturday, **July 11**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in front of Penny Pinchers Exchange at 39 Main Street, Marion.

Delicious Lobster Rolls, at \$27 each, will be limited, so to ensure availability you are strongly encouraged to preorder (no more than 10 per person) and pay at the Church Office, 144 Front Street, Marion, Tuesday-Friday from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm (508-748-1053) or at Penny Pinchers Exchange, 39 Main Street, Marion, Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The deadline for pre-orders will be July 5 or while supplies last. We do accept cash, credit cards and checks. You can also order and pay online on the Church Website at <https://www.marionfirstchurch.org>.

Our Bake Sale is filled with yummy desserts, homemade pies, cakes, cookies, candy and more from the church's best cooks. Stop by to get a delicious dessert to



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top off your Lobster Roll lunch or get some treats to take home to enjoy later.

The Chapel Café in the Community Center will be open and air conditioned, offering comfortable seating for enjoying lobster rolls and cold drinks.

Also, the air-conditioned Penny Pinchers Exchange will be open during the sale and is cooking up a few surprises for the special day. Come shop for clothes, household goods, and many other special finds. This is the area's best place to find amazing prices and selection.

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



A group of ORRJHS students recently traveled to The Netherlands, Germany, and Poland for an experiential learning trip. Pictured here: the group in Volendam, Holland, with eighth grader Wayne Dauphine in the center holding a spring (April) issue of the Wanderer. Photo courtesy Nichole Charbonneau



The Mattapoisett COA's Shakespeare for Scaredy Cats members recently attended a fast-moving and more contemporary rendition of Shakespeare's play, Measure for Measure, at the Burbage Theatre in Pawtucket, RI. Director and Artistic Director Jeff Church and his very skilled actors opened this dark and tragic comedy with a fast-moving party and closed it with many of the characters having learned their lessons, at least for the moment. But not all problems were resolved; a lone character remained on the stage perplexed by another character's inappropriate proposition. Shakespeare for Scaredy Cats meets on Thursdays at 6:00 at the Mattapoisett COA. The next play, All's Well That Ends Well, has just started. All are welcome. Call 508-758-4110 to register. Photo courtesy Karoline Szatek

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

more information, please contact the church office at 508-748-1053 or visit the church website at: www.marionfirstchurch.org.

Parking is available at the Island Wharf public lot (Front Street across from the Music Hall) and on streets surrounding Penny Pinchers Exchange. Come one, come all.

Marion Seeks Input to Help Shape Future of Harbor and Waterways

The Town of Marion is inviting residents, boaters, waterfront property owners, business owners, fishermen and visitors to help shape the future of the community's harbor and waterways by participating in a public survey as part of the Marion Harbor Management Plan.

The Town is currently developing a community-driven Harbor Management Plan that will establish a long-term vision for Marion's harbors and waterways. The plan will address a wide range of issues, including boating, navigation and public safety, waterfront infrastructure and services, commercial and recreational fishing, natural resources and water quality and coastal resilience.

The Harbor Management Plan is being funded through a \$150,000 grant awarded to the Town of Marion through the Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council. The grant allows the Town to undertake the planning process at no cost to local taxpayers while developing a

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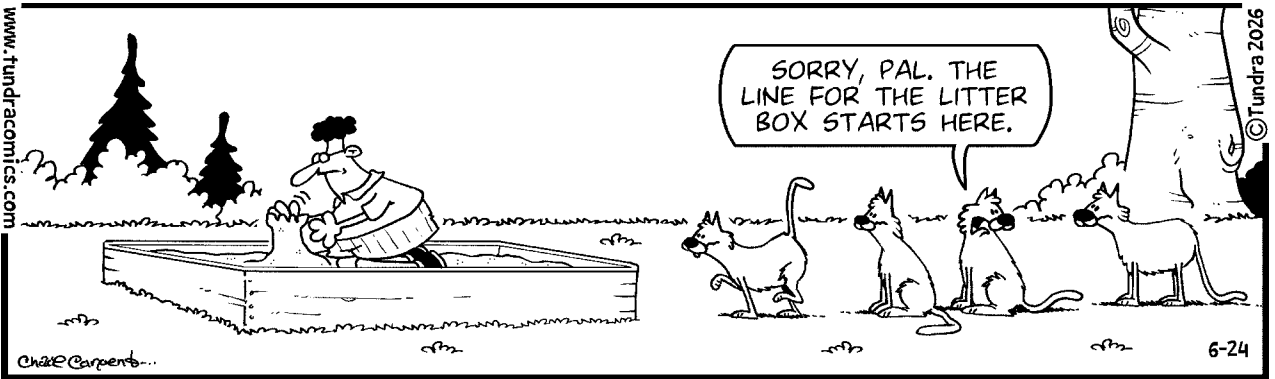
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roadmap for the future management of Marion's harbor and waterfront resources.

Community input is a critical component of the planning process. Following a well-attended public meeting held on April 28, the Town has launched a public survey to gather additional feedback from residents and stakeholders about existing challenges, priorities, and opportunities for improvement along Marion's waterfront.

"We encourage everyone who uses, enjoys or depends on Marion's harbor and waterways to take a few minutes to complete the survey," said Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman. "Whether you are a year-round resident, seasonal resident, boater, fisherman, waterfront business owner or simply someone who enjoys spending time on the water, your input will help guide the future of one of Marion's most important community assets."

The Town is partnering with the Urban Harbors Institute at UMass Boston to develop the Harbor Management Plan. The Urban Harbors Institute is an applied research institute within UMass Boston's School for the Environment that works with coastal communities to promote sustainable natural resources and thriving waterfronts through research, planning, public engagement, and education.

Survey responses will help identify community priorities and inform recommendations that will guide future decisions related to harbor operations, waterfront access, environmental stewardship, infrastructure investments and long-term resilience planning.

Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to complete the survey here by June 26.

For more information about the Marion Harbor Management Plan, visit the Urban Harbors Institute project page at Urban Harbors Institute Current Projects Page.

Anyone with questions can contact Shannon Hogan at Urban Harbors Institute by emailing Shannon.Hogan@umb.edu.



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Heroes Cup Returns to Marion

As America prepares to celebrate Independence Day and the nation's 250th birthday, players from across New England will gather at Sippican Tennis Club for a tennis tournament that combines competitive sport with support for local veterans and military families.

The 2026 Heroes Cup, scheduled for **June 27 to June 29** at Sippican Tennis Club in Marion, Massachusetts, is a fully verified UTR (Universal Tennis Rating) event and an official stop on the national BTB Heroes Tour presented by BeyondTheBaselines.com in partnership with UTR.

This year's event features a \$5,000 prize purse - double the amount offered in 2025 - and expands its adult competition by adding Men's and Women's Open Doubles divisions alongside the established Open Singles events for both juniors and adults.

Most importantly, proceeds from the tournament will benefit Heroes in Transition, Inc., a Massachusetts-based nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting veterans, service members and military families through programs focused on health, wellness and community support.

"We are proud to have grown this tournament over the past five years to such a level where we can give at least half of what we offer in prize money back to local veterans," said Ed Shanaphy, Tournament Director and founder of the BTB Heroes Tour. "As we approach

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TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option). For remote access to this meeting please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marionma.gov during regular business hours. The meetings are televised and video recorded by Old Rochester Community Television (ORCTV). The meetings are live streamed on ORCTV. The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on July 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm to consider the request of Sippican Holdings, LLC, for an application for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 230-9.1 of the Code of the Town of Marion for proposed additions to existing facility. The property is located at 14 Barnabas Road, Marion, MA 02738 and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Map 24, Lot 44, Zoning District LI. The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road, Office of the Planning Board, or Town Clerk during normal business hours. Sean Sweeney, Chair Ann Morgan, Vice Chair 6/18, 6/25	TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by David Jones for property located at 192 Pierce Street, Map 16, Lot A. The applicant is proposing tree removal within the 100' Buffer Zone of a Buffering Vegetated Wetland. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87901899125 Meeting ID: 879 0189 9125 Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 6/25 TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Michael & Roberta Tracy for the removal of an existing deck (10' x 14') and	construction of a screened-in porch (16' x 22') in the same location at 32 Joanne Drive. The site is further identified as Lot 46 on Marion Assessors' Map 7B. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Matthew Shultz, Chair *Please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 6/25 TOWN OF ROCHESTER NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Adult Use Marijuana Establishment to be located at 621 County Rd, Rochester, MA 02770, is scheduled for Thursday, July 16th, 2026, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm at The Rochester Council on Aging, 67 Dexter Ln, Rochester, MA 02770. In this meeting, we will discuss security, diversion prevention, community involvement and planning, and general operating information for the proposed facility. The public will have the chance to ask questions as well. WHO: Rochester Cannabis WHAT: Adult Use Marijuana Establishment WHEN: Thursday, July 16th 2026, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm WHERE: Rochester Council on Aging 67 Dexter Lane, Rochester, MA 02770 6/25

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights June 14 – June 20

- Island Wharf Rd – Animal control
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Thomas Ln – MV complaint
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Lost property
- 195 East – Wildlife services
- Converse Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- West Ave – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Paper service
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Brookhaven Ln – Disturbance/arrest
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Brookhaven Ln – Follow up
- Parkway Ln – Gas leak
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Pleasant St – Officer wanted
- Jenna Dr – General service
- 195 West – General service
- Park St – Parking enforcement
- Front St – Waterways complaint
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Dexter Rd – MV complaint
- Village Dr – Officer wanted
- Front St – Missing person

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights June 14 – June 20

- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Harbor – Boat violation
- Driscoll Ln – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Ship St – Animal control
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Ship St – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Vandalism
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Main St – Parking complaint
- Acushnet Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Crestfield St – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Nashawena Rd – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – Ambulance request
- Driscoll Ln – Ambulance request
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Noyes Ave – 911 call
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Dyar Rd – Parking complaint
- Park St – Suspicious MV
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- County Rd – MV crash
- Wildwood Ter – Health/welfare
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Crystal Spring Rd – Officer wanted
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – MV crash

ROCHESTER

Log highlights June 14 – June 20

- Burgess Ave – Carbon monoxide
- Kings Hwy – Road hazard
- Cranberry Hwy – Structure fire
- Walnut Plain Rd – 911 call
- Stevens Rd – General services
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Rounseville Rd – Medical
- Constitution Way – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – Missing person
- Dr Hickey Ln – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Briarwood Ln – Disturbance
- High St – Suspicious activity
- Sarahbeth Ln – Public assist
- Snipatuit Rd – Disturbance
- Constitution Way – General services
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV collision
- Gerrish Rd – Suspicious activity
- Wordell St – Fraud
- High St – 911 call
- Cushman Rd – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Cushman Rd – Erratic MV/arrest
- Hartley Rd – Follow up
- Hartley Rd – Follow up
- Gurney Pl – Animal control
- Benson Rd – Suspicious activity
- Rounseville Rd – Well-being check

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Independence Day and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States, it feels especially meaningful to host an event that honors those who have served our country while bringing together players from across New England in competition."

"The pride, commitment to excellence, and community spirit involved in making the Heroes Cup Tournament so impactful aligns directly with the values of Heroes In Transition," said HIT Executive Director Silene Gordon. "We are grateful to be named as the beneficiary of the 2026 event and are grateful to Director Ed Shanaphy and the members of the Sippican Tennis Club for this meaningful support of our military community."

The Heroes Cup is unique within amateur tennis, serving as the only national tournament series specifically designed to support local veterans and military families through grassroots charitable organizations in each host community.

Tournament divisions include:

- Men's Open Singles
- Women's Open Singles
- Men's Open Doubles
- Women's Open Doubles
- Boys UTR Level-Based Under 6 Division
- Girls UTR Level-Based Under 6 Division

Players of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate. Every entrant is guaranteed two full matches through the tournament's draw structure and will receive an official tournament shirt.

The addition of UTR level-based junior divisions ensures competitive and evenly matched play while providing young athletes with valuable verified-match experience. The BTB Heroes Tour takes pride in bringing adult and junior draws under one tournament umbrella at each tour stop.

The Heroes Cup has become one of the premier summer tennis events on the South Coast and Cape Cod region, drawing competitors from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont and beyond. Tournament organizers expect the largest field in event history, perhaps over 150 players, as the BTB Heroes Tour continues its national expansion.

"The BTB Heroes Tour was built on the belief that tennis can make a meaningful impact beyond the court," Shanaphy added. "Every entry fee helps support local military families and veterans while giving players a first-class competitive experience."

Spectators are encouraged to attend throughout the tournament weekend. A suggested \$10 donation will be collected at the event, with 100 percent of spectator donations benefiting Heroes in Transition, Inc. and its mission of supporting veterans, service members and military families throughout Massachusetts and New England.

Mattapoisett Road Race

July 4th will be here soon, so get ready to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States by running the Mattapoisett Road Race, "4 on the 4th." When this tradition was started in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Over the years, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1,000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village, around Ned's Point lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on the runners.

Registration for the race is online only, up until 8:30 am on July 4. A record number of runners are predicted this year, so sign up early to ensure that you'll get an awesome T-shirt. Until July 1, the registration



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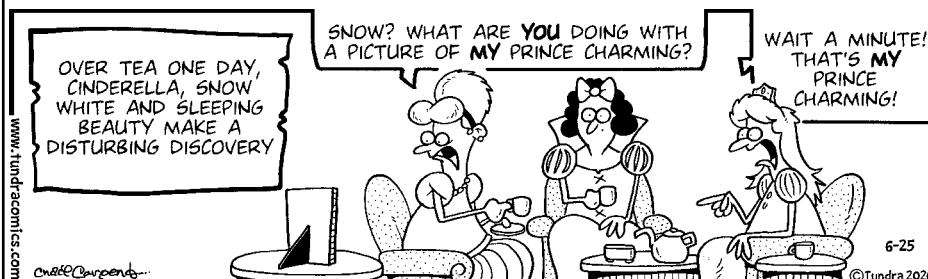
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Clambake-Grab & Go

Clambake-Grab & Go at the Knights Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, on Sunday, **June 28**. Pick Up 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, \$50 per person. For tickets, call Jim at 508-863-3496.

Marion Social Club Pig Roast

The Marion Social Club, located at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion, is having a Pig Roast on **August 16**. Dinner will include a very nice portion of roast pig, jag, baked beans, applesauce, coleslaw, corn bread and dessert. The Pig Master is the same one we have had in the past, and the meal is out of this world. Tickets are \$40 each and can be reserved by calling Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253. Cut-off date is August 8, don't delay. The doors will open at noon for socializing, and dinner will be served at 1:00 pm. Also, we are looking for new members to help us with our dinners, the proceeds of which fund our scholarships and Senior Bake.

The Great Community Picnic

Begin with a summer sunset by the harbor, friends and neighbors, and your own delicious picnic fare. Add great live music by Seth Asser & Gary Brown. Throw in fresh local oysters and a table decorating contest. Result? The Great Community Picnic is on Thursday evening, **August 6**, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Munro Preserve adjacent to the town wharf.

Mattapoisett Land Trust and Mattapoisett Museum, the event hosts, will provide tables, chairs, and tablecloths. Bring your own food, utensils & plates. Creatively transform your table with flowers, napkins, etc.

Tables available for 4 (\$160), 6 (\$240), 8 (\$320) or 10 (\$400) diners. A place at the community table costs \$40. Buy a ticket for the community table or buy a table. Space is limited – buy a table while they last. Tickets are available online: www.mattapoisettmuseum.org/event-info/the-2026-great-community-picnic. Ticket sales will end on Monday, July 27, or when we sell out, whichever comes first. Make plans now to join us for this festive memorable evening.

Marion E-Alerts

The Town of Marion would like to remind residents that they can sign up for email alerts on the town website: marionma.gov.

From the homepage, click on "Subscribe to E-Alerts," create a login and password, and then select

"News or Announcement" to receive the main email updates. Important information such as road work, closures, Waste Management collection changes, events, and other town updates are shared through these alerts.

On the same webpage, residents may also subscribe to receive agendas and minutes. For questions, please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3520 or dhemphill@maironma.gov.

Mattapoisett Celebrates USA 250

The Mattapoisett Celebrates USA 250 Committee invites you to join the fun. Beginning Thursday, July 2 to Saturday, July 4.

Thursday **July 2**, Field of Flags at Dunseith Garden – Mattapoisett Woman's Club is sponsoring a Field of Flags to honor our nation's 250th anniversary. The club will be placing 400 flags at The Mattapoisett Land Trust Dunseith Gardens on July 2 and 3. They along with the 250th Committee invite Mattapoisett residents to request a ribbon to be attached to a flag in honor of someone special – a veteran or simply a loved one you wish to honor. The flags will remain for the week of July 4. You can request a ribbon by emailing the Woman's Club at President@mattapoisettwomensclub.org. We hope these hundreds of flags will stand as a moving symbol of unity, gratitude and pride. The last day to request a ribbon is June 25.

Friday, **July 3**, beginning at 4:30 pm, Community Picnic at Ned's Point – families should bring their own favorite picnic suppers. There will be games and activities for children and their families. At 5:30 pm we will stop for a brief welcoming ceremony with Brianna Lynch singing God Bless America. At 7:00 pm David Dunn will present musical entertainment and a patriotic singalong. The purchase of ice cream and beverages will be available. We will celebrate until the lighthouse comes on.

Saturday, **July 4**, Happy Birthday America – beginning at 1:00 pm there will be bus tours leaving from Center School and touring the original center of Mattapoisett. The Mattapoisett Historical Museum will be guide and will share interesting stories and point out landmarks and places of interest from the early 1700s, some of which are still standing. Each tour will last approximately 30 to 40 minutes.

The museum will be open to the public sharing their considerable collection of Mattapoisett life, some of which predates the establishment of the United States of America.

Mattapoisett Firefighters' Memories – before the onset of internet communications, Mattapoisett was blessed with citizens who responded to emergency calls for help in the event of fires and other serious unexpected situations. They were willing to leave families, jobs and anything else to protect the citizens of this town and local communities that needed extra help. Beginning at 2:00 pm in the tent on the corner of Church and Baptist streets, there will be a gathering of some of those dedicated to

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Jaime Oliveira	June 30
Kelly O'Hagan	June 30
Nicole Pruchnik	June 30
Nicolette Studley	June 30
Robert Holmes	June 30
Francis Emmett	July 1
Ian O'Neil	July 1
Ruby Pasquill	July 1

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Intergenerational family line dancing on the wharf – beginning at 6:30 pm, Bootin An Scootin with Sarah T. will lead us in country line dancing and trivia question entertainment under the night sky.

Annual Marion Town Party

Save the Date. The Annual Marion Town Party returns on Saturday, **July 25**, (rain date: Sunday, July 26) on the grounds of Silvershell Beach on Front Street. This community celebration supports the Marion Cultural Council and the Marion Firefighters Association.

Festivities kick off at 4:00 pm with plenty to enjoy: delicious food and beverages for purchase, free children's activities (including a climbing rock wall), live music from Marion's own Flashback, and lots more fun for all ages.

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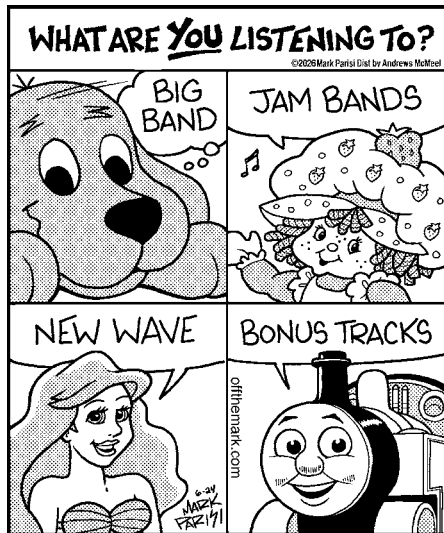
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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"It's not the doctor bills that worry me,
 it's the thought of having three
 _____ daughters."

Friends of the Mattapoissett Library Summer Book Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Library invite book lovers of all ages to their upcoming Harbor Days Book Sale on Friday, **July 17**, and Saturday **July 18**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Library Community Room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett. This event is a great opportunity to find gently used books at affordable prices while supporting the library's valuable programs and activities.

In preparation for the sale, the Friends of the Mattapoissett Library will also be accepting book donations on Wednesday, July 15, through Thursday, July 16, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Community members are encouraged to donate gently used books to help make the event a success. In addition, we will be accepting jewelry donations for our December Jewelry Sale. Jewelry donations can be dropped off any time at the front desk.

All proceeds from the sale directly benefit the library, funding programs, events, and resources that enrich the Mattapoissett community.

For more information, please contact the Friends of the Mattapoissett Library at friendsofmattapoissettlibrary@gmail.com.

OCRVTHS Summer Discovery Experience

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School recently opened registration for its 9th annual Summer Discovery Experience program, and tickets are expected to sell out fast.

This unique summer programming runs from **July 13 to July 24**. Registration is open now on Eventbrite starting at \$161.90 per session. Half-day and full-day options are available, with most morning and afternoon sessions offered for students entering Grades 5-9.

Discovery sessions cover a wide range of topics, including outdoor sports, automotive mechanics, culinary arts, cosmetology, forensics, welding, graphics, computer science and more.

Sessions are taught by Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School educators.

"Our talented staff are a point of pride for us here at Old Colony," said Superintendent Aaron Polansky. "We hope that the variety of Summer Discovery programming lets campers develop their current interests and also explore new paths."

Most programs run Monday through Friday. Since its introduction in 2017, the Summer Discovery Experience has expanded its schedule from five days to 10, spanning two weeks. Most activities now have time to run twice and accommodate more participants.

Participants are encouraged to mix and match morning and afternoon sessions. Families are responsible for their own transportation. All sessions are very popular, and spots are expected to fill quickly.

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on campus for a supervised lunch period between 11:30 am and noon in the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School cafeteria. Students attending both sessions are responsible for bringing their own lunch.

"It's fantastic to see so many young people excited to roll up their sleeves and learn," said Superintendent Polansky.

All payments made by check must be received in the form of a bank check or money order by the Friday before the start of the selected program to secure a spot. To start camp, each participant will require an updated physical and signed pick up permission forms.

For more details and to secure a spot for your student email SummerDiscovery@OldColony.us with questions or concerns.

Marion Fireworks and Independence Day Parade

Come together with the Town of Marion as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary. Kick off the weekend with fireworks at Silvershell Beach at dusk on Friday, **July 3**.

Our Independence Day Parade rolls out on Saturday, July 4, at 9:00 am, and we want to see your most creative, patriotic parade entries. Applications are now available. Paper copies are also available at the Marion Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road.

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organizations as they toll the bells. You can find more information on their website: freedombells.org.

We can't wait to celebrate with you.

Coastal Explorations with the MNHM

The Marion Natural History Museum will be offering an opportunity to explore some of Marion's unique natural areas. We will be exploring our rocky inter-tidal shorelines, salt marshes, estuaries as well as freshwater riverbanks, forest, swamps, ponds and bogs. Daily we will take trips to look for the birds, amphibians, fish and invertebrates that make these areas so special.

Each morning will involve hands-on exploration, experiments, crafts and journaling while outdoors. Your child will enjoy being a Coastal Explorer with the Marion Natural History Museum. Space is limited to 15 per session so make sure to register early. Perfect for children entering Grades 2-6.

This year we will also be offering a full-day option in partnership with the Marion Recreation Department. Spend half the day with us, and then, if you want extended hours, Marion Recreation will be busing from our location to Silvershell beach for the remainder of the day.

Register at www.marionmuseum.org for both options. Dates: **July 6 to July 10**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and **August 3 to August 7**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

MHC Historic Plaque Program

The Mattapoissett Historical Commission was established in 1973 to identify, evaluate, preserve, and protect the historically significant resources of the town. The historic house plaque program serves to recognize historic structures with the placement of an historic plaque.

In honor of the nation's 250th (Semiquincentennial) Anniversary, the Historical Commission encourages the residents of Mattapoissett to apply for an historic house plaque or to replace existing house plaques in need of updating.

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Period/Style: The structure embodies distinctive characteristics of a period of architecture or style and may be associated with a noted architect or builder.

Cultural landscape/ archeology: The site of the structure has an important connection to the local history.

The plaques will display the original owner's name and spouse, if applicable, and the date. There is space for three lines. It should be attached to the front of the house where it can be visible from the street. Plaques are informational only and do not restrict the owner from making changes to the property.

The application form is available on the Mattapoissett Historical Commission website. Once completed it should be returned to: Mattapoissett Historical Commission, 16 Main Street, Mattapoissett, MA 02739.

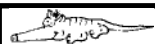
Please see the Mattapoissett Historical Commission website under www.Mattapoissett.gov for further information.

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Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	June 25	5:20	5:54	10:45	
Friday	June 26	6:15	6:43	12:14	11:28
Saturday	June 27	7:03	7:26	12:49	12:11
Sunday	June 28	7:45	8:06	1:27	12:55
Monday	June 29	8:25	8:43	2:08	1:40
Tuesday	June 30	9:03	9:19	2:51	2:26:00
Wednesday	July 1	9:41	9:54	3:31	3:10
Thursday	July 2	10:19	10:31	4:06	3:51
Friday	July 3	10:59	11:10	4:37	4:31
Saturday	July 4	11:41	11:53	5:06	5:10
Sunday	July 5		12:25	5:38	5:54
Monday	July 6	12:39	1:12	6:14	6:46
Tuesday	July 7	1:29	2:01	6:59	7:53
Wednesday	July 8	2:22	2:53	7:53	9:14
Thursday	July 9	3:19	3:52	8:54	10:34
Friday	July 10	4:24	4:58	9:57	11:41
Saturday	July 11	5:32	6:05	11:01	
Sunday	July 12	6:35	7:05	12:39	12:01
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon		June 29th	
		Last Quarter		July 7th	
		New Moon		July 15th	
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I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

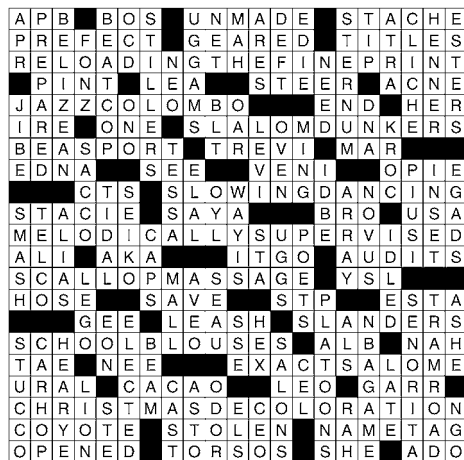
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In the June 18, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 35

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Duress; 2. Learn
3. Raise; 4. Myriad

Today's Word

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Sudoku Answer

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Cabot
Shredded
Cheese
2/\$7



5.3 oz. Selected Variety
Chobani
Greek Yogurt
4/\$5



SPIRITS

Summer
Sale!

1.75 Liter Titos Vodka **\$29⁹⁹**
1.75 Liter Smirnoff Vodka **\$19⁹⁹**
1.75 Liter Bacardi Rum **\$24⁹⁹**
750 ml. Jose Cuervo Silver Tequila **\$24⁹⁹**

48 oz. Selected Variety
Hood
Ice Cream
\$3⁹⁹



QUALITY PRODUCE



Sweet
Southern Peaches **\$2⁴⁹**
lb

2 lb. Pkg.
Clementines **\$4⁹⁹**

Plump
Heirloom Tomatoes **\$3⁹⁹**
lb



Pint
Blueberries **\$3⁹⁹**

Tender
Asparagus **\$3⁹⁹**
lb

Fresh
Corn **79¢**
ea

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!